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VATICAN—Moments before he died, Pope John Paul II raised his right hand as he lay in bed as if to offer a blessing to the multitudes praying the Rosary below his window.

"Once the faithful's prayer ended, the Pope made a huge effort and pronounced the word, 'Amen.' An instant later, he died," Polish priest Rev. Jarek Cielecki told the Italian newspaper La Repubblica.

Death came as the leader of the world's 1.1

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WORLD WEEPS

POPE JOHN PAUL II
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2M due to attend funeral of extraordinary John Paul

GRIEF and praise rippled around the world Sunday for Pope John Paul II, whose death in his Vatican apartment ended a 26-year pontificate that had shaped global politics, inspired hundreds of millions of people and bolstered visions for peace everywhere.

The 84-year-old spiritual leader of the Roman Catholic Church's 1.1 billion members passed away at 9:37 p.m. Saturday (3:37 a.m. Sunday in the Philippines), two days after suffering heart and kidney failure following two months of acute breathing problems and other infections.

More than 130,000 people streamed into St. Peter's Square on Saturday night as word spread of the death of the Polish Pope who had led the world's Catholics for more than a quarter of a century.

Officials said the Italian government was expecting 2 million pilgrims to attend the funeral.

John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope in four-and-a-half centuries, and the first from eastern Europe.

WORLD/ A20

People's Pope championed freedom

ESCHEWING the pomp of his predecessors, Pope John Paul II won over crowds and statesmen alike with his commitment to peace and fighting poverty.

His support of the Solidarity trade union when it was banned in his native communist Poland was credited with helping start a chain reaction that led to the fall of the pro-Soviet regimes that had held half of the European continent in their thrall for 40 years.

Through the dark years of the communist clampdown in the 1980s, the Pope's visits, sermons and prayers, often listened to on smuggled tapes at illicit gatherings, kept alive a faith that liberty would eventually come.

His support for personal dignity, human rights and tolerance in predominantly Roman Catholic Poland boosted the Solidarity movement, the first free trade union of the Soviet bloc.

Solidarity carried Vatican banners and

PEOPLE'S/ A22

GMA leads nation in mourning; flags at half-staff

By Christine O. Avendaño and Christian V. Esguerra

CHURCH bells tolled and priests pinned hundreds of black ribbons in and around churches as they were joined by parishioners in grieving over the death of Pope John Paul II yesterday.

President Macapagal-Arroyo expressed a "deep sense of grief" over the Pontiff's passing.

"He was a holy champion of the Filipino family and of profound Christian values that make everyone of us contemplate every day what is just, moral and sacred in life," she said.

Ms Arroyo declared a period of national mourning starting today until the day that the leader of the Roman Catholic Church is laid to rest.

GMA LEADS/ A4

Not even 117 cardinals know for sure who's next pope

VATICAN CITY—With the death of Pope John Paul II, a chain of events laid down by centuries of papal tradition swung into action, but who will emerge as the next pontiff is a guess no one dares to hazard.

A pope from Italy, reverting to habit? An African pontiff? How about Latin America, or India?

No one knows for sure and those who might have an idea—the cardinals who will actually choose the next leader of the world's 1.1 billion Roman Catholics—certainly aren't giving much away.

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Mindanao and Southern Luzon will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. the rest of the country will have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

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Legazpi	Partly Cloudy	Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains
Calapan	Partly Cloudy	Davao	Cloudy with Rains

Burma issue excluded from IPU meet

By TJ Burgonio
and Christine O. Avendaño

PARLIAMENTARIANS from the Philippines and other member-countries of Asean yesterday failed to include the issue of lack of democratic reforms in Burma (Myanmar) as an "emergency item" in the 112th Inter-Parliamentary Union assembly which began yesterday.

But the parliamentarians from the Asean+3 Group (China, Japan and South Korea) decided to press ahead with an earlier agreement to add a single item—tsunamis—to the convention's agenda.

President Macapagal-Arroyo last night urged visiting lawmakers from 144 countries to keep democracy alive in their respective nations as well as to safeguard it.

"History is with us but we must make sure that the rising tide of democracy lifts all boats so that we may all sail to a prosperous future," President Arroyo said as she declared open the 112th Inter-Parliamentary Union assembly at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City.

In her keynote address, the President said the "fundamental challenge" facing nations were the fact that "not every country.. shares the ideals of democracy and not everyone living under a democracy shares equally in the promise democracy offers."

She said that while the Philippines, Asia's first democracy, was "poised for growth and success," it was also saddled with problems regarding poverty, social justice and security concerns.

Legislators from the Philippines, buoyed by expressions of support from their counterparts from Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand and Cambodia, vowed to raise the Burma issue anew in tomorrow's meeting of the Committee on Human Rights.

"It is not a loss. This is a process... This is the position that the Philippine delegation has taken and we will continue to work on it," said Senate President Franklin Drilon, who was nominated as the Philippine Congress' representative to the committee.

"The issue of Myanmar will be taken up whether they like it or not. One of the items of the IPU is the role of parliamentarians in human rights. We'll raise it there," Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said.

Parliamentarians from Southeast Asia have adopted a resolution urging the IPU to put pressure on Burma to institute reforms, including the release of democratic leader Aung San Suu Kyi, prior to Burma's assumption of Asean's rotating chairmanship next year.

Pimentel had pushed for the inclusion of the Burma issue as an "emergency item" in addition to tsunamis during the regular sessions, saying that this was a problem that "confronts Asean as Asean."

Singaporean Chew Heng Ching, chair of the Asean+3 Group meeting, however, said they were standing by an earlier agreement to include only tsunamis, particularly proposals for the establishment of an early warning system, on the conference's agenda. "We should go by what has been tabled," he said.

But Pimentel acknowledged that the inclusion of tsunamis in the conference's agenda "had been decided a long time ago" and that the rules allow only one emergency item to be tackled.

The debt problem and Millennium Development Goals, HIV/AIDS, international polices on the situation of women, war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and terrorism, among others, top the agenda of the conference.

Drilon also challenged lawmakers to take a stand on unfair trade practices and demand that rich nations play fair vis-a-vis poor nations.

He said the UN Millennium Development Goal of reducing world poverty by half by 2015 would never be met unless developed countries adopted fair trade practices.

"There would never be economic stability for as long as the gods of the world economy continue to circumvent the rules of global trade. The poor nations will never get out from the economic and social quagmire if the clique of rich nations will continue to rig the trade game," he said.

He said the expansion of global wealth was only possible if "trade distorting farm subsidies and tariffs are scrapped."

President Arroyo also called on nations to "the need for a strong, independent media to safeguard our democracies and keep their political leaders in the straight and narrow."

"Here in the Philippines and other nations, journalists have been slain in pursuit of the truth," she said. "I salute these defenders of democracy and declare to those who perpetuate these crimes, your days are numbered."

To date, more than 50 journalists have been slain in the country.

PRESIDENT Arroyo, with IPU Secretary General Anders Johnson and IPU President Sergio Paez-Verdugo (from left), greets delegates to the 112th IPU assembly which she opened last night. VAL HANDUMON

Security tight but delegates don't mind

By Luige A. del Puerto

THEY'RE getting used to it and are in fact grateful for the protection.

Delegates to the 112th Inter-Parliamentary Union assembly said they had no problem with the tight security being implemented by the Philippine National Police amid lingering terror threats in the country.

"I'm getting used to it," said Dr. Fetoaotoia Alama, secretary general of the Samoan parliament, laughing.

"You will never have something like this in Samoa, but this is a different country, and we understand and appreciate the protection," she said.

PNP Director General Arturo Lomibao said the security for the delegates was "extra special."

"This is a gathering of world leaders, so the protection is extra special," he said.

Yesterday, a random check of hotels near the Philippine International Convention Center, the assembly's venue, showed just how tight security was.

At the Traders Hotel, a bomb-sniffing dog guarded the entrance. The dog smelled all the bags and security officers checked all the people entering.

Delegates were also asked to inform the police where they were going and what time they expected to return to their hotels.

"We actually have forms for them, stating their names and where they're going" said a Philippine Senate worker. "But most ignore it, saying they don't want to fill them up," she said.

Xaisophone Phomuihane, a member of the Laotian Parliament and chair of the foreign affairs committee, said he was confident the police could do their job.

"The security is very fair. I feel confident about the police," he said.

Protesters, however, said they were not heeding the call of the police not to demonstrate but promised their massive rally outside the IPU conference on April 7 would be peaceful.

"We assure the public that ours will be a peaceful protest that aims to call international attention to the worsening political repression and killings in the country," said Bayan secretary general Renato Reyes yesterday.

He said his group was expecting about 10,000 participants, including supporters of the late actor Fernando Poe Jr.

National Coordinating Council of Volunteers for FPJ chair Rez Cortez confirmed the group would join the rally.

"(Our allied militant groups) said they wanted to support us so we will also support them," said Cortez during a meeting of the United Opposition (UNO) in San Juan last week.

Members of Muslim communities in Metro Manila yesterday volunteered to help police secure the metropolis against terror attacks while the IPU conference was in progress.

Datu Amerol-Gulam Ambiong, head of the National Muslim Peace and Order Coordinating Council (NMPOCC), said they had deployed about 100 Muslim volunteers in areas the delegates are expected to visit. *With Edson C. Tandoc Jr. and Tina G. Santos*

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PNP chief: We're ready to meet Abu threat

By Luige A. del Puerto

"WE'RE prepared to meet his threats."

This was the response of Philippine National Police Director General Arturo Lomibao to the threats of retaliation by Abu Sayyaf leader Khadaffy Janjalani for the death of his comrades in Taguig City last month.

"*Pasensiya din.* (We're sorry, too). We'll just do our job (if we get him first)," Lomibao told the INQUIRER.

Janjalani, who was earlier reported killed during a military air strike last year, surfaced and vowed to avenge the death of 22 detainees, mostly Abu Sayyaf members, who had seized control of a Bicutan jail in an attempt to escape on March 15.

Saying the blood of the mujahideen (Islamic warrior) was not free, Janjalani had warned Lomibao the Muslim extremist group would launch strikes to avenge the deaths of the Muslim detainees.

In an interview, he asked freelance reporter Arlyn de la Cruz to deliver a personal message to Lomibao:

"I have a message for the No. 1 in the PNP now. *Pasensiyahan, trabaho lang* (Sorry, this is all just work)."

To which Lomibao answered yesterday: "*Pasensiyahan na rin. Trabaho lang din.* It is unfortunate that he is on the other side. But that's the way it goes."

Lomibao, however, said it would be best if the two of them could simply talk things over—not negotiate, but discuss their differences.

"It does not mean we will negotiate with him. The government does not negotiate with terrorists or terrorist groups, but just like in Taguig, our line of communication is open," Lomibao said.

"If he avenges (the death of his colleagues), this won't end. We'll all be losers in this. There is no win-win solution here," Lomibao said.

He even suggested that Janjalani turn himself in.

"Come out," Lomibao dared Janjalani. "Of course, I don't think he would do that. But that would be the best."

Fish may now be shipped one day sans water

By Alex V. Pal
PDI Visayas Bureau

DUMAGUETE CITY—The Filipino who found a way to ship live fish without water has been able to increase the length of time the fish are without water from 12 to 24 hours.

Bonifacio Comandante said this would further boost the competitiveness of fish traders in the world market.

"We have been successful in putting fish to sleep for 24 hours without water," said Comandante, who arrived here last week from San Francisco, USA, where he won the Best International Business Award in the University of San Francisco Business Plan Competition.

He told a news conference here on Tuesday that the technology to put fish to sleep may also be applied successfully to prawns, which can be put to sleep for as long as 12 hours.

Oysters, he said, may be put to sleep for the longest time—48 hours.

After completing a long journey without water, the oysters are placed in ordinary water for seven days, where they post a 97-percent survival rate.

Comandante said at present oysters are being shipped from Zamboanga to Manila using the conventional method where they are placed in containers filled with seawater, but they still post a 50-percent mortality rate upon reaching Manila.

This breakthrough will surely spark added interest in his invention, especially in Japan, China, Taiwan and Korea, where consumers put a premium on live marine products.

At the press conference, Comandante paid tribute to the province of Oriental Negros, the City of Bais, Silliman University, the Department of Trade and Industry, and the Negros Oriental Business Development Foundation for supporting his endeavor.

Comandante was "discovered" by local venture capitalists after winning the 1st Negros Oriental Business Development Foundation Innovation Awards last year, funded by the provincial government.

His technology put fish to sleep without water for 12 hours, thus making it possible to ship more fish in place of the weight of the water.

Comandante was the first Filipino to win the Best International Business Award at the University of San Francisco—an annual competition that was held March 9-12.

When asked if his technology could be applied to humans, Comandante said it would require more studies and funding, but he was not discounting the possibility in the future.

Comandante said he has received pledges of US$4.5 million from his Australian partners to do research on the possibility of shipping live tuna without water. The studies will be done within the next two years, he said.

Four-day workweek starts today

By Christine O. Avendaño

ALL EMPLOYEES of the national government will work only four days a week beginning today to generate savings for the government and offer them a respite from soaring oil prices which hit new records over the weekend.

In the next two months, employees of all national government agencies will be required to report for work from Monday to Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for a total of 10 hours a day.

In return, they will get three days off from work but will still receive the same pay.

Senior Deputy Executive Secretary Waldo Flores, however, warned that employees who would come after 7:30 a.m. will be considered tardy.

Flores said there was no provision for government employees to offset their tardiness by staying after 6:30 p.m.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said that government employees would be able to save on transport and food costs that they usually spend when coming to work for a fifth day. At the minimum, these employees spend from P75 to P100 a day.

Interviewed over RMN radio, Bunye reiterated that the scheme would enable the government to save P144 million in two months from reduced water, petroleum, electricity and other utility expenses.

"Let's observe this experiment and see its effect," said Bunye.

Under Administrative Order No. 117, exempted from the four-day workweek are the national police, Armed Forces, fire bureau, jail bureau, Coast Guard, customs and internal revenue bureaus, government hospitals, health centers, public schools and universities with previously set summer classes, and other government offices rendering vital frontline services.

Also exempted are the agencies under the Office of the President, namely, the Office of the Executive Secretary, Presidential Security Group, Authentication, Antique House, the Dialysis Service Center at the Malacañang Clinic, the Protocol Office, OP Records, Internal House Affairs Office, Appointments and Motorpool.

Bunye noted that oil prices surged further this weekend to $57 per barrel which, he said, was one of the highest prices of oil in history.

He attributed the spike in global oil prices to increased demand not only from the United States but from China, the world's most populous nation.

Speculative buying, particularly by airline companies, Bunye said, was to blame for the surging oil prices.

Bunye said government agencies and government-owned and -controlled corporations should implement anew cost-cutting measures as mandated under Administrative Order No. 103.

The AO provides that state offices should ensure the efficient and economical use of government resources and avoid all forms of wastage.

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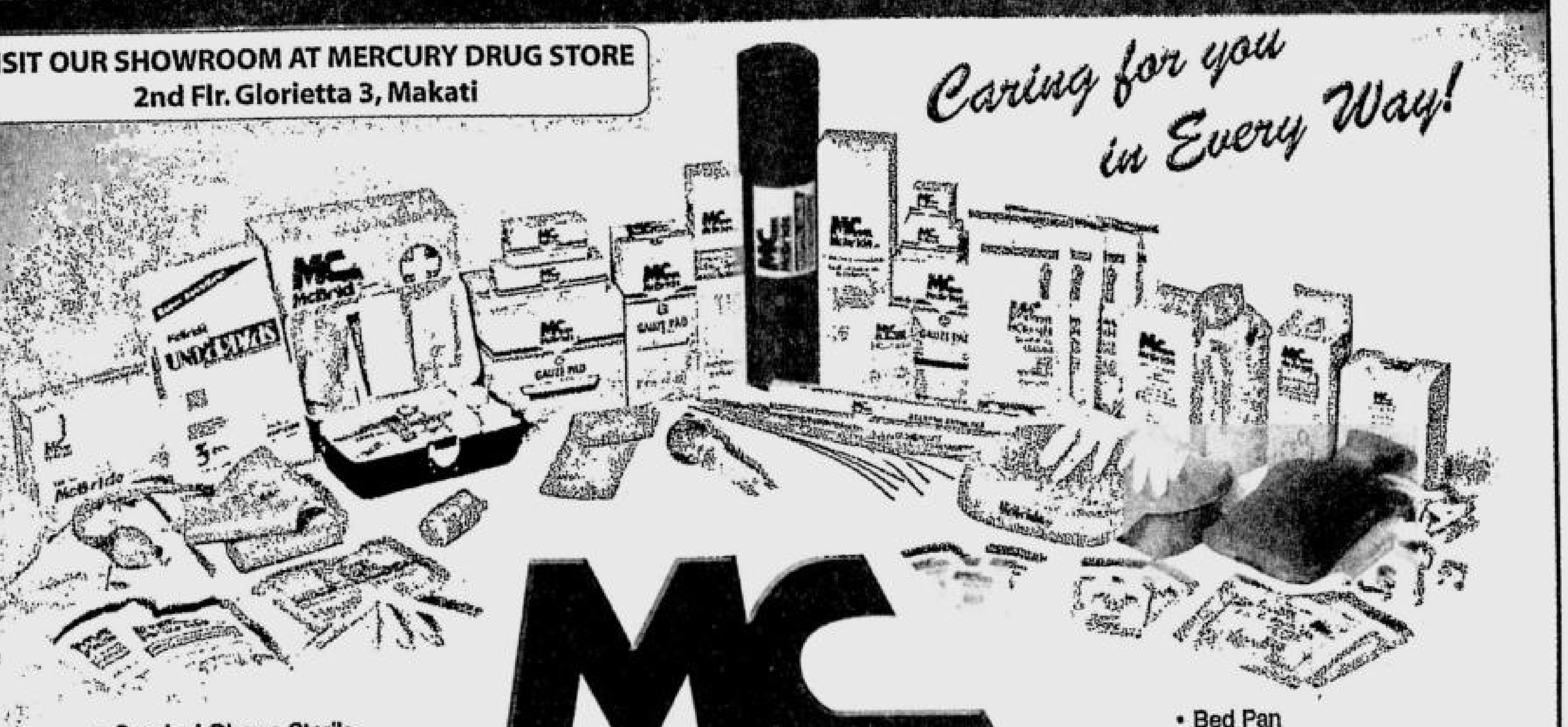

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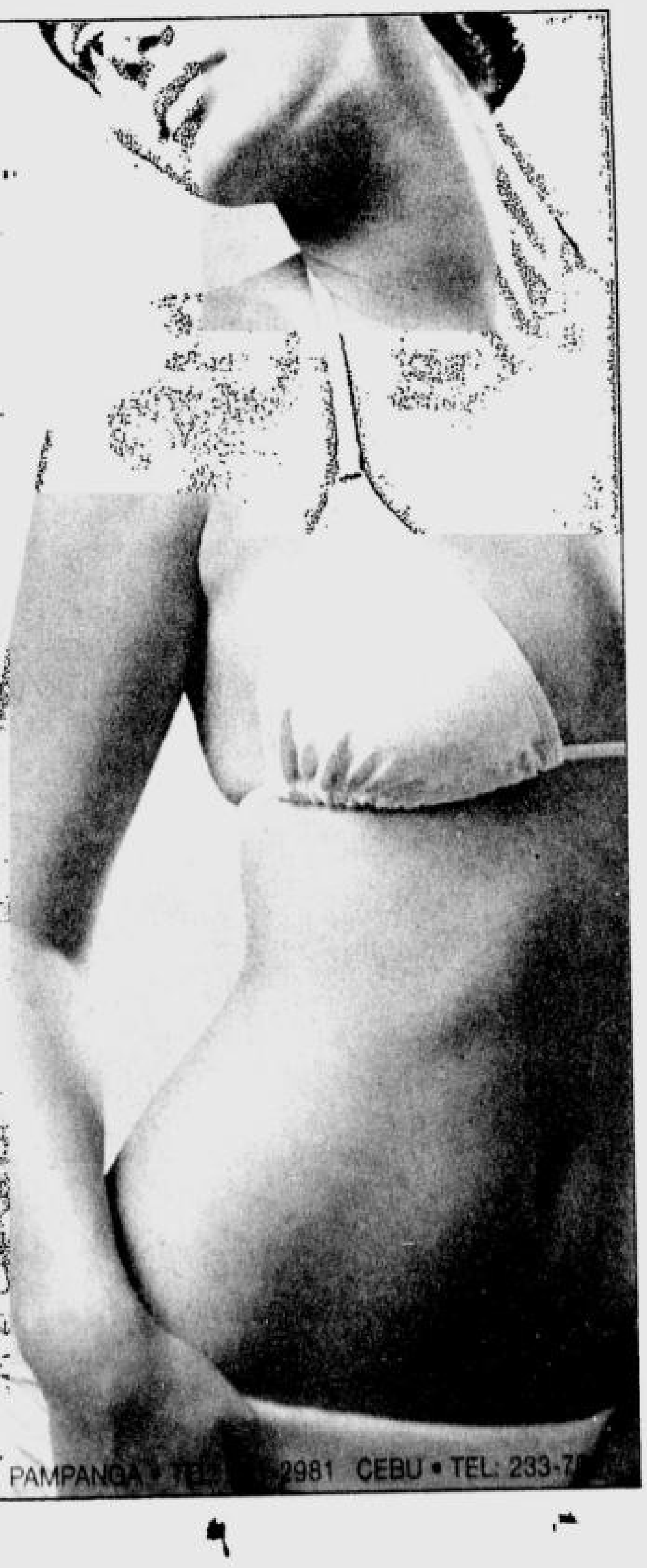

GMA leads nation in mourning; flags at half-staff

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The President also instructed that Philippine flags in all national government agencies were to fly at half-staff. The last time the flag was flown at half-staff for a non-Filipino was in 1978 during the funeral of Pope Paul VI.

Former President Corazon C. Aquino was "saddened by the passing of Pope John Paul II. But at the same time, I am happy that he is now with the Lord … He also always treated me kindly, both as president and after my presidency," she said in a statement faxed to the INQUIRER.

Jaime Cardinal Sin was "deeply hurt" by the news about the 84-year-old Pontiff, a close friend who had supported the prelate's call during the first Edsa uprising in 1986, said Peachy Yamsuan, communications director of the Archdiocese of Manila.

"With profound grief, I join the whole of Christendom and all the people of the world in mourning the passing of our beloved Pope John Paul II," Sin said in a statement. "He has gone back to the Father. He has returned to the loving embrace of Mary. He is now our intercessor in heaven."

"He was a man who bridged many differences but also drew the line where the integrity of the Christian message was at stake," said Cebu Archbishop Ricardo Cardinal Vidal, 74, the other Filipino prelate aside from Sin who is eligible to join the conclave to elect a new Pope.

For Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales, the Pope "was the conscience of the world," he said in his homily at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Manila yesterday morning.

"Global was his attention and concern. With humankind he felt pain and experienced fear. With the youth he hoped and rejoiced," said Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz.

Apostolic Nuncio Antonio Franco urged Filipino Catholics to continue praying for the Pope. "While we are sad, we are at peace, and we entrust him to the mercy of God today," he said.

Men, women and children were seen crying while clutching rosaries or embracing pictures of the Holy Father.

Baclaran Church in Parañaque City was filled to capacity as people lit candles and offered prayers.

"I am deeply affected by this loss," said housewife Adelia Velasco after she went to an early morning Mass. "This is painful for Filipinos, painful for the whole world."

Another churchgoer, Sandra Santa Cruz, was more philosophical: "I am happy for him because we all know that he is now with Jesus in heaven."

Archbishop Fernando Capalla, president of the influential Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, said yesterday during a local radio interview: "We pray for the eternal repose of his soul and we also pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire our cardinals to elect our new Pope who is rightful to lead us."

In a text message to the INQUIRER, Brother Eddie Villanueva, leader of the Jesus is Lord Movement, said he believed that the Pope's death would impact on the Church's works in the country.

"Christianity, as reflective of championing the marginalized, [will be affected] because Pope John Paul was always supporting the less privileged," he said.

Leonida Vera, Philippine ambassador to the Vatican, said in a phone interview that she believed the Pope had gone straight to heaven.

"He brings love with him everywhere, he loves the people. Even when he was sick, he kept on blessing the people," she said, who still referred to the late Pontiff in the present tense.

The Communist Party of the Philippines "shares in the grief of the Iglesia Catolica Apostolica Romana," Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal, CPP spokesperson, said in a text message to the INQUIRER.

"What is important in every person's death is the cause that he espoused when he was alive," he said.

Senators yesterday hailed the late Pontiff as Christianity's "tireless ambassador of faith" and an advocate of human rights.

"We will remember Pope John Paul for his fight for human dignity as well as his steadfast work in bringing peace to all nations," Senate President Franklin Drilon said in a statement. *With reports from Nikko Dizon, TJ Burgonio, Michael Lim-Ubac, Bobby Q. Labalan; Romulo O. Ponte, Madonna T. Virola and Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau; AFP, AP and Reuters*

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2. A VAT rate increase to 12% while plugging most of the exemptions is necessary to achieve a robust revenue yield while fully reaping the benefits of the self-policing features of the VAT that works best when coverage is most complete. A number of proposals have been tabled in both houses, which in our view is not well considered.

a) Multi tier vat. As the UP economists pointed out, this will complicate and lead to opportunities for evasion and may even erode current collections.

b) Sunset provision. Tax to GDP of the Philippines is low not only compared with peers, but especially given the magnitude of needed economic and social investments in a budget where bulk is eaten up by salaries, debt service and IRA.

c) Exemptions of one thing or another. A bad idea except in the case of power. Current power costs is already making us uncompetitive, and with the universal levy soon to be imposed to cover cost of stranded assets, may drive away investments. While a VAT would be structurally superior to a gross levy, it will not yield the same level of revenues because of the netting effect. We propose that when the universal levy expires, power be covered by VAT. We do not propose to exempt oil from VAT. Indeed, oil is almost universally levied a high level of excise taxes on top of VAT. We propose though that cooking fuel excise taxes be reduced, while gasoline, which the rich consume more proportionately, be adjusted upwards. Timing for oil products is critical; thus may be politically wise for Congress to leave to the Executive the prerogative (standby authority)as to when these new tax schedules will kick in to time it with falling international oil prices, so that it will be least socially disruptive.

d) Limits on creditability of input VAT by requiring this be stretched to five years or more. This does not yield new revenues, and is equivalent to government forcibly borrowing at zero interest from firms that already paid VAT in advance through their investments in imported capital equipment. It is equivalent to a tax on investments - and in effect nullifies fiscal incentives for same. If this is the intent, it is better to simply abolish incentives, and do away with two bureaucracies that nullify each other's efforts.

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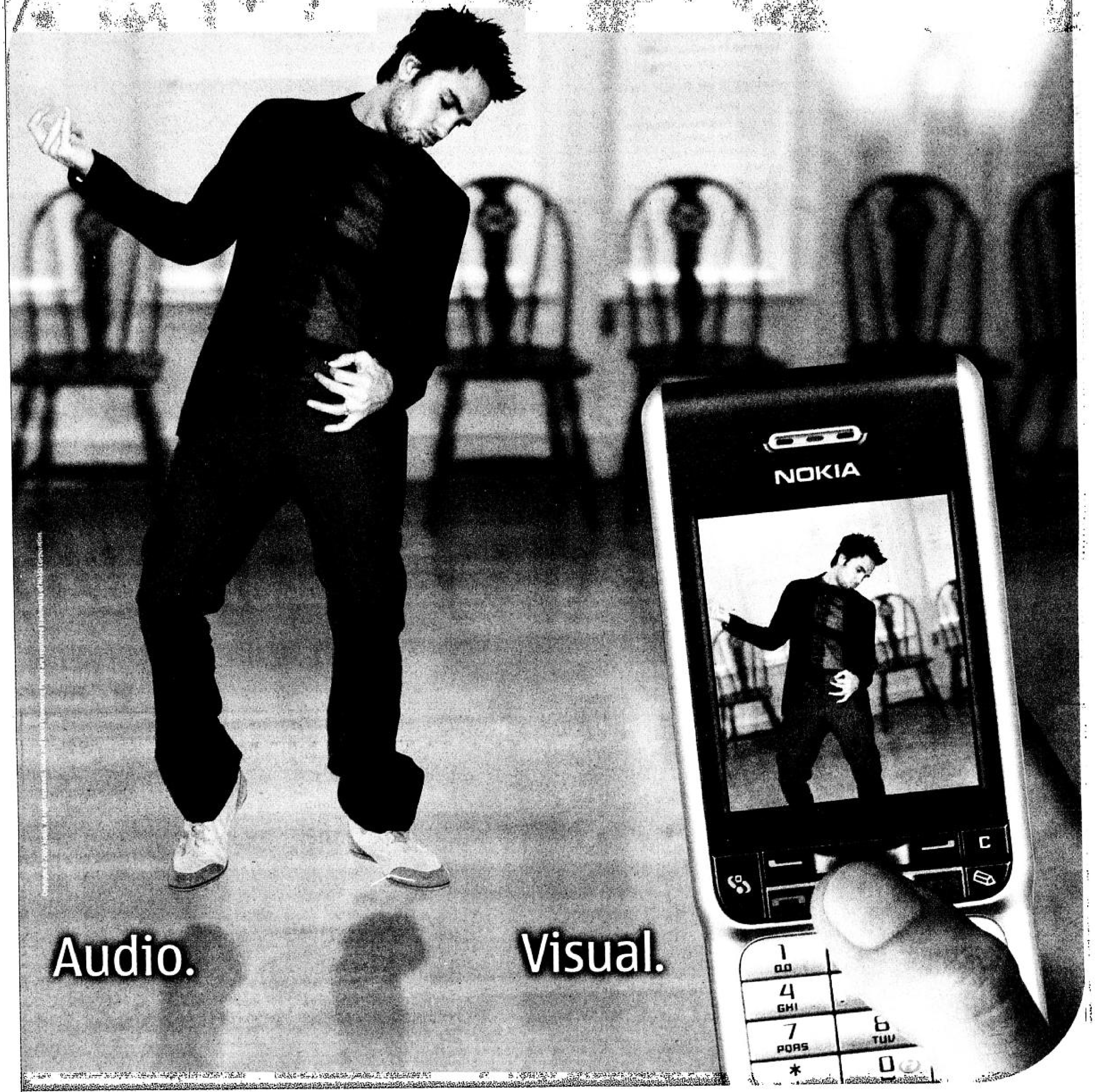

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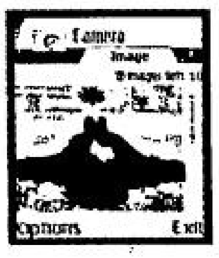

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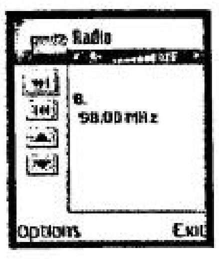

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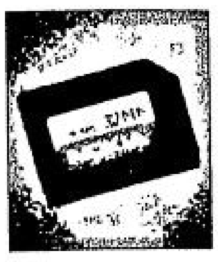

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Family tradition: Embalming Pope

ROME—After the death of Pope John Paul II, one family in Rome was waiting for a call from the Vatican to continue a family tradition—embalming the body of the Pontiff.

The Signoracci clan, the Corriere della Sera newspaper reported Sunday, had preserved the mortal remains of the last three popes: John XXIII in 1963, Paul VI in 1978, and John Paul I, the late Pope's immediate predecessor, also in 1978.

It's a family tradition that had been carried down from father to son.

"I'm ready. I'll do my job the best I can, like my father and his brothers did before me," said Cesare Signoracci, the latest in the line.

Embalming, according to funeral houses, is primarily done to disinfect and preserve remains.

The practice has been recorded in history as far back as the Egyptians but the procedure has changed many times over the centuries.

Modern embalming usually consists of removing all blood and gases from the body and inserting a disinfecting fluid.

The Signoracci family's technique obviously works.

Corriere della Sera said that when John XXIII's body was exhumed in 2001 in order to be transferred to the basilica, it was found to be in excellent condition.

That was better than the case in 1958, when the stench from the body of Pope Pius XII reportedly caused several cardinals to faint. *AFP*

E-mail …

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News outlets received the information minutes after the Pontiff died at 9:37 p.m. Saturday (3:37 a.m. Sunday, Manila time).

A mobile phone message sent to the news agencies said to check for an "urgent declaration" from the Vatican sent to the agencies' e-mail addresses.

The e-mail, from Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls, was short: "The Holy Father died this evening at 21:37 in his private apartment.

"All the procedures foreseen by the Apostolic Constitution 'Universi Dominici gregis' promulgated by John Paul II on Feb. 22, 1996 have been set in motion," the e-mail said.

The electronic alert underlined the Vatican's embrace of media technologies under John Paul II, who was known as a Great Communicator adept in spreading his message worldwide.

"Universi Dominici Gregis" (The Shepherd of the Lord's Whole Flock) brought the rules into step with modern times by banning mobile telephones, which did not exist in 1978 when John Paul was elected, and ruling out all forms of electronic bugging. The aim is to keep absolute secrecy.

In the Philippines, said to be the texting capital of the world, text messages were sent on the timing of the Pope's death.

John Paul II, dubbed the "Pope of the Divine Mercy," supported the devotion and cause of Polish Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska who initiated the apostolic movement of the Divine Mercy.

According to text messages, it was appropriate that he died a few hours before Sunday, which was the Feast of the Divine Mercy.

The text message said: "What an honor for this son of Poland! Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina, as the Divine Mercy, and told her that a spark would come from Poland that would ignite the world and prepare it for the second coming. This is the most perfect time to show how much heaven honors him." *Reports from Christian V. Esguerra, AFP, Reuters*

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Abu Ghraib prison attacked; 44 GIs hurt

BAGHDAD, Iraq—Insurgents attacked the Abu Ghraib prison west of Baghdad, injuring 44 US forces and 12 prisoners after a period of declining attacks that had raised hopes the insurgency might be weakening. Lawmakers also prepared to name a new speaker Sunday in a session aimed at ending days of deadlock.

At least 40 militants fired rocket-propelled grenades and set off two car bombs Saturday at the infamous prison as darkness fell, 1st Lt. Adam Rondeau said. Soldiers and Marines stationed at the detention facility responded, and the resulting clash and gunfight lasted about 40 minutes.

"This was obviously a very well-organized attack and a very big attack," Rondeau said.

On Sunday, US military officials raised the casualty toll from 20 to 44 US service members, and some of the injuries were serious.

Officials have said that overall attacks have been declining in Iraq, but they also have noted that insurgents seem to be focusing their efforts on bigger, better organized operations.

It wasn't immediately known if any of the insurgents carrying out the attack were arrested or suffered casualties. Plumes of smoke were seen rising from the area.

Abu Ghraib was at the center of a prisoner abuse scandal that broke out in 2004 when pictures showing soldiers piling naked inmates in a pyramid and humiliating them sexually became public. The resulting scandal tarnished the military's image worldwide and sparked investigations of detainee abuses.

The United States is holding about 10,500 prisoners in Iraq.

Also Saturday, Iraqi lawmakers struggling to form a government after the historic Jan. 30 elections appeared to have reached a compromise on the parliamentary speaker's post, with the major coalitions backing Industry Minister Hajim al-Hassani as the favored candidate. Debate Tuesday on the issue caused the second session of the National Assembly to disintegrate into shouts and accusations.

Officials had said they might have to vote on several candidates, with Shiite-led United Iraqi Alliance member Fawaz al-Jarba and Meshaan al-Jubouri also in the running.

But with only hours left before Sunday's session, al-Jubouri told The Associated Press that he would accept a compromise proposal in which he and al-Jarba would withdraw their names. Al-Jarba couldn't be reached for comment.

All candidates for speaker were Sunni Arabs, an effort to reach out to the minority group once dominant under Saddam Hussein and believed to be the backbone of the country's insurgency.

Negotiators also said they hoped to name the country's new interim president—expected to be Kurdish leader Jalal Talabani—and his two vice presidents during Sunday's session.

Alliance members have agreed to nominate former nuclear scientist Hussain al-Shahristani as one of two deputy speakers and interim Finance Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi as one of the vice presidents. Kurdish judge Dara Nor al-Din is expected to be nominated for the second deputy to the parliament speaker post.

Interim President Ghazi al-Yawer, politicians Adnan Pachachi and Sharif Ali Bin Al-Hussein—all Sunni Arabs—were vying for the second vice president's post, officials say.

Once in his post, Talabani and the vice presidents will name the new interim prime minister, likely Shiite politician Ibrahim al-Jaafari. After that, the legislative body has until mid-August to write a new constitution that will pave the way for new elections and a permanent government. *AP*

A US Army soldier from the 10th Mountain Division patrols a market in the Abu Ghraib district in western Baghdad March 29, 2005. Dozens of insurgents mounted a sustained attack on Abu Ghraib prison on April 2, detonating two suicide car bombs and firing rocket-propelled grenades before US troops repelled the assault. REUTERS

NZ granny gets surprise invitation to royal wedding

WELLINGTON—An elderly New Zealand woman, who for years has run a "be nice to Camilla" campaign, was reported Sunday to have been rewarded with an invitation to next Friday's festivities in London when Prince Charles finally marries Camilla Parker Bowles.

"I'm still having trouble believing it, the 73-year-old grandmother told the Sunday Star-Times when she showed them her gilt-edged invitation.

The woman, from the small South Island town of Greymouth, refused to be identified but her invitation showed she will be among 800 guests invited to the "service of prayer and dedication" at St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle after the couple marry in a private civil ceremony.

Fed up with negative media coverage about Charles and Camilla, the woman said she began sending clippings and letters to Parker Bowles nine years ago when "somebody wrote something nice."

Her pen-friendship was rewarded four weeks ago when the invitation arrived by Royal Post.

"I cried all day to think just because I'd tried to be ordinarily kind and caring I'd made Camilla Parker Bowles feel grateful enough to invite me," she said. *AFP*

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Mugabe's party snatches huge majority in Zimbabwe

HARARE—Zimbabwe's ruling party has steamrolled to election victory, winning a two-thirds majority that strengthened President Robert Mugabe's 25-year grip on power.

Final official results issued by the election commission Saturday showed Mugabe's African National Union-Patriotic Front (ZANU-PF) won 78 seats in parliament, while the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) garnered 41 seats.

A further one seat went to an independent candidate, a former top Mugabe aide, Jonathan Moyo.

The opposition, the United States and Britain refused to recognize the outcome, while Canada expressed concern at possible irregularities.

And a key observer mission led by regional powerhouse South Africa cited problems with results in a quarter of the constituencies.

Mugabe, in power since independence in 1980, will be able to use the huge majority to change the constitution, giving him free rein as he prepares to retire in 2008.

Hailing the results as "a moment of great joy," Mugabe thanked voters and also urged the opposition to accept defeat and "not look at it as the end of the world."

Mugabe REUTERS

But opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai slammed the outcome of the elections as "disgusting, massive fraud" and accused the 81-year-old Mugabe of treating Zimbabwe "like his property."

Mugabe's score, when added to 30 presidential appointees, gives him an overwhelming majority in the 150-seat parliament.

However, as results emerged, an observer mission from the 14-nation Southern African Development Community (SADC) however found discrepancies with the official results in 32 of the 120 contested seats, a spokeswoman said. *AFP*

WORLDBRIEFS

Kyrgyz ex-president agrees to resign

BISHKEK—Kyrgyzstan's deposed president has agreed to resign without conditions, the parliament speaker said on Saturday, and the country's top judge said a poll to replace him would be held whether he liked it or not. Askar Akayev, who ruled the impoverished ex-Soviet country for 14 years, fled into exile in Russia last week after protesters stormed government buildings after flawed elections and seized power in the mountainous republic. Previously, it has not been clear whether polls planned by the new post-coup government for June would be legal if Akayev refused to resign—which he had declined to do without security guarantees and the right to return home. *Reuters*

France against EU charter

PARIS—A growing majority of French voters oppose the European Union constitution in the run-up to a May 29 referendum, an opinion poll showed on Saturday, and a minister warned a "No" vote would plunge the EU into a crisis. The Ifop poll for the Journal du Dimanche newspaper said 55 percent would vote "No" and 45 percent "Yes." The poll, conducted on March 31 and April 1, showed a two-percentage point rise in the "No" vote from March 24. Just over a third of those surveyed said they could change their view, but the poll was the sixth consecutive one since mid-March to put the "No" vote ahead. "If one country in the Union rejects the constitution, then there will be no constitution. We would stick with the existing treaties which are inadequate," Foreign Minister Michel Barnier told reporters before the poll was released. *Reuters*

Historic Kashmir bus

ISLAMABAD—Watertight security will surround the launch of the first buses for nearly six decades between the Indian and Pakistani zones of divided Kashmir this week, following threats of violence by Islamic militants. The landmark service, starting on April 7, is seen as a major boost to peace moves between the nuclear-armed South Asian neighbors, whose competing claims to the breathtaking Himalayan region sparked two of their three wars. Kashmiris were also looking forward to being reunited with family members when the buses start running between Srinagar, the summer capital of the Indian zone, and its Pakistani counterpart Muzaffarabad. But guerrilla groups responsible for a bloody 15-year insurgency against Indian rule in Kashmir have threatened to turn the so-called friendship buses into coffins. *AFP*

Islanders flee amid rumors of new quake

GUNUNG SITOLI, Indonesia—A powerful tremor violently shook the wooden waiting room at the main harbor on Nias island; people dashed out, clutching their relatives, panic on their faces.

But the building did not fall down and the alarm subsided. People resumed the wait for a ferry that will help them flee the disaster-struck island.

Sunday's tremor, one of hundreds of aftershocks from the 8.7 magnitude quake that killed an estimated 1,300 people in northwestern Indonesia about a week ago, was strong but it was not the big one that islanders fear is coming.

The next one, according to rumors sweeping Nias and neighboring Simeulue, could match last week's quake or even the Dec. 26 one that unleashed a tsunami that killed 270,000 people across the Indian Ocean, 80 percent of them in Indonesia.

The next quake could produce a new tsunami or even sink an island, say the rumors, sourced to anonymous scientists or foreign aid workers delivering relief.

The fear has led thousands of islanders to adopt the tactic that saved many of them in December. When they saw the sea recede then they knew, from stories passed down through the generations, that a tsunami was coming and they took to the hills.

Some have not come down since then, and many more have joined them, relief agencies say.

The United Nations says about 20,000 people on Nias and at least 10,000 on Simeulue are in the mountains. Some are there because they lost their homes in the quakes, some are afraid of new destruction. *AFP*

9 dead in Aussie aid chopper crash

SYDNEY—Nine Australian military personnel died when their helicopter crashed during an aid mission to the earthquake-hit Indonesian island of Nias.

Prime Minister John Howard said Australia's worst post-Vietnam War operational loss of military personnel was tragic and would be investigated, adding it appears to have been a terrible accident."

"This is really quite heart-breaking. These young Australians were on a mission of mercy and compassion. They were helping the poor people of the island of Nias in the wake of the latest earthquake there," he told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio.

The crash of one of Australia's aging Sea King helicopters occurred late on Saturday as it came in to land with four crew and a seven-person emergency medical team on board near the Nias capital of Gunungsitoli.

Six of the dead were from the Royal Australian Navy and three were from the Royal Australian Air Force. Two other unidentified personnel were recovered injured from the crash.

Australian Defense Force chief Lt. Gen. Peter Cosgrove said seven men and two women had died in the crash of the helicopter, which had been flying aid sorties from the amphibious transport ship HMAS Kanimbla.

A second Sea King from the Kanimbla reported seeing the first helicopter in flames. "My early indications are that the weather shouldn't have been a factor," Cosgrove said. *Reuters*

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Monday, April 4, 2005
Feast of the Annunciation

1st Reading: Is 7:10-14,8:10
2nd Reading: Heb 10:4-10
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth. He was sent to a young virgin who was betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the family of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

The angel came to her and said, "Rejoice, full of grace, the Lord is with you." Mary was troubled at these words, wondering what this greeting could mean.

But the angel said, "Do not fear, Mary, for God has looked kindly on you. You shall conceive and bear a son and you shall call him Jesus. He will be great and shall rightly be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the kingdom of David, his ancestor; he will rule over the people of Jacob forever and his reign shall have no end."

Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be if I am a virgin?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the holy child to be born shall be called Son of God. Even your relative Elizabeth is expecting a son in her old age, although she was unable to have a child, and she is now in her sixth month. With God nothing is impossible."

Then Mary said, "I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me as you have said." And the angel left her.

Commentary

This feast fell in Holy Week and so is moved to Easter Week. This is the familiar prophecy of a young woman who will bear a child whose name will be Emmanuel, God is with us. And the story of Gabriel sent to the young woman Mary inviting her to obey the Word and will of God for the long promised salvation of her nation. She will give birth to a child, but the child is not hers—the child is God's, born of the power of the Spirit, born for the people and to bring hope and salvation into the world. Mary is the model for all believers and we too are invited to bring the Word of God into the world through our flesh, our words and lives. We too are called to be the handmaids of the Lord (as Moses, David, Isaiah and others were named) and we too must pray: "Let it be done to me as you have said." Let the Word of God take flesh in us, the Body of Christ and may we bring that Word into the world that waits and needs it so desperately today.

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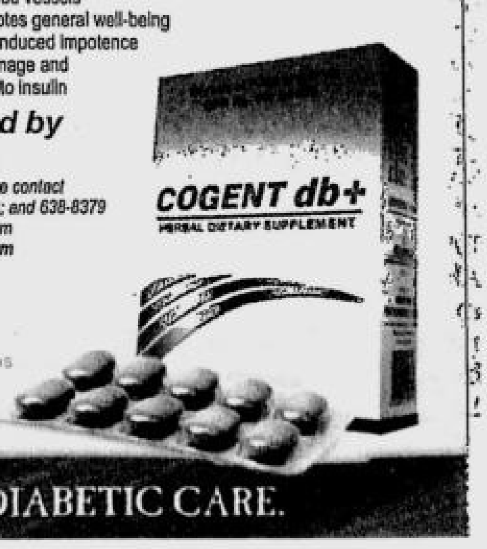

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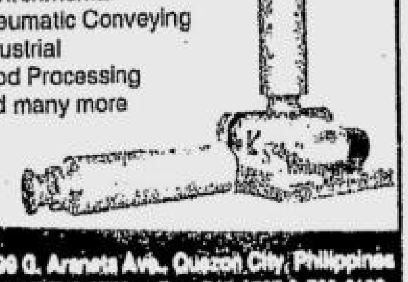

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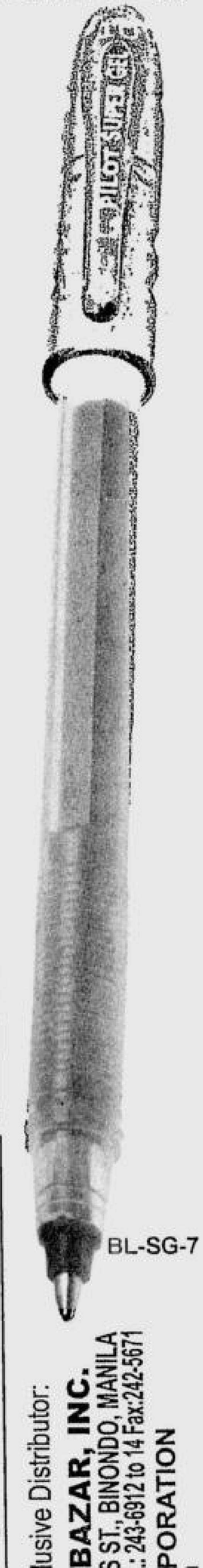

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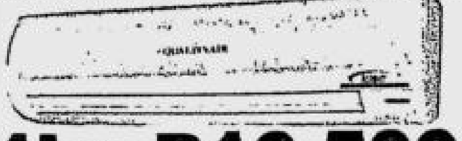

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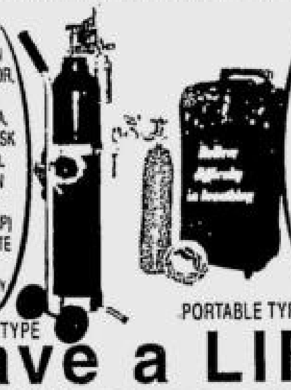

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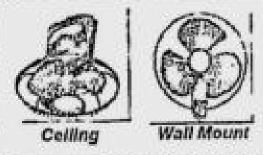

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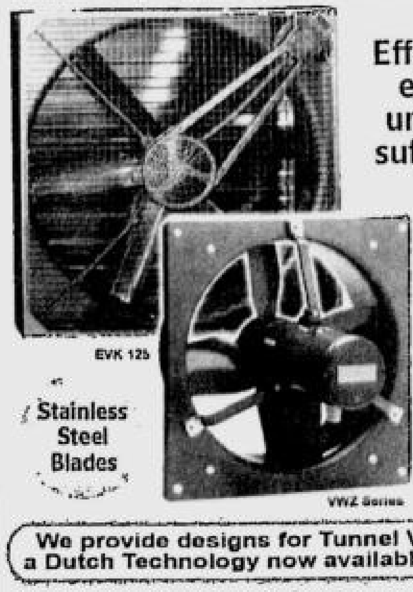

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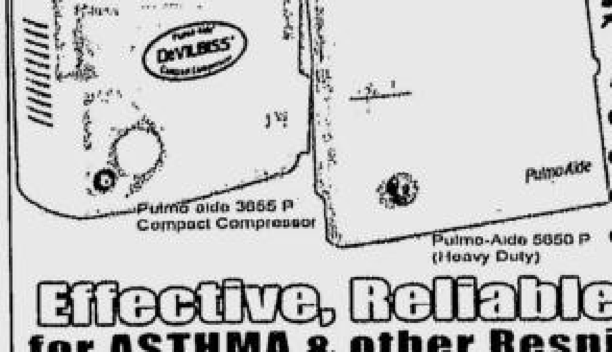
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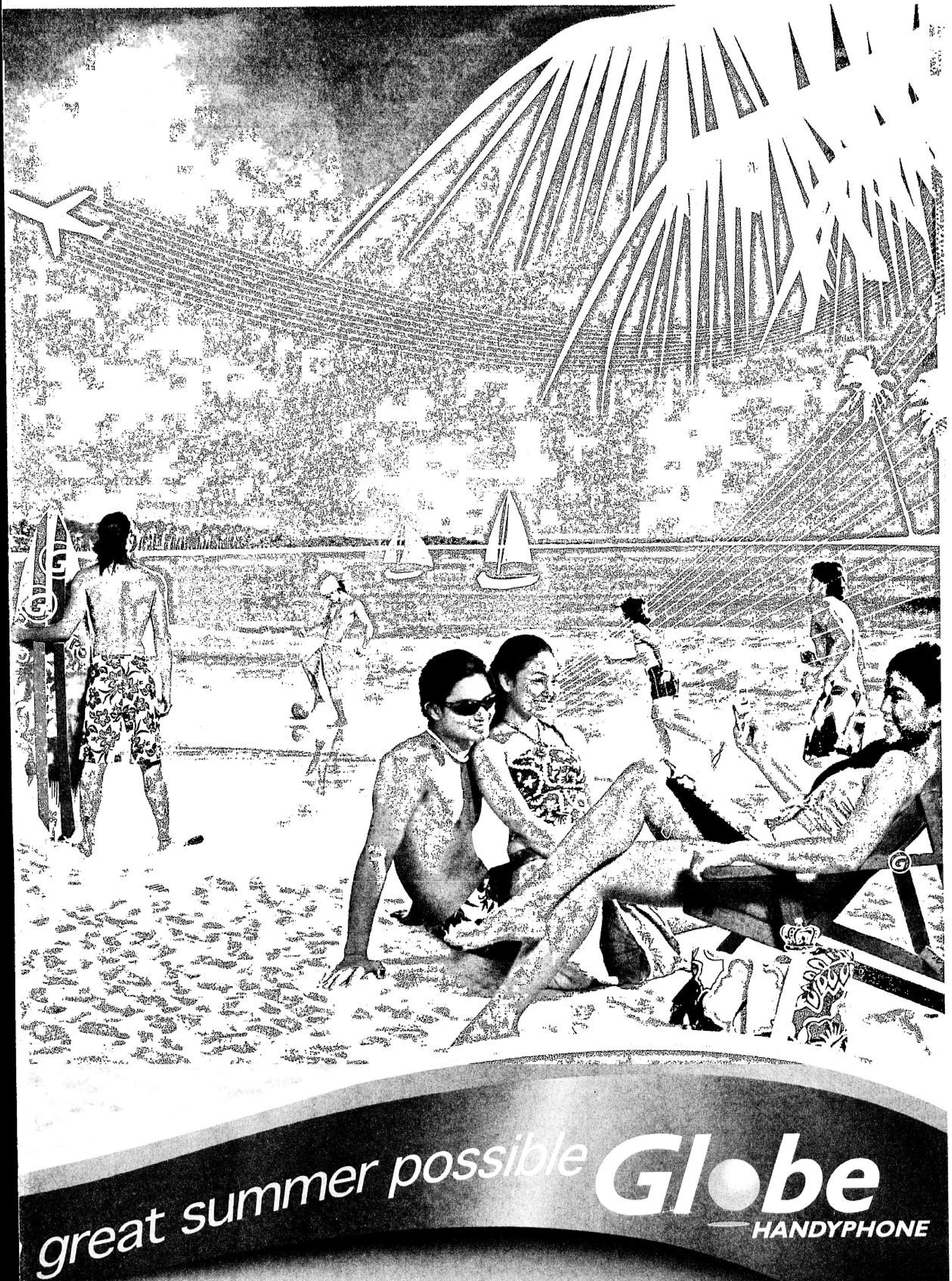

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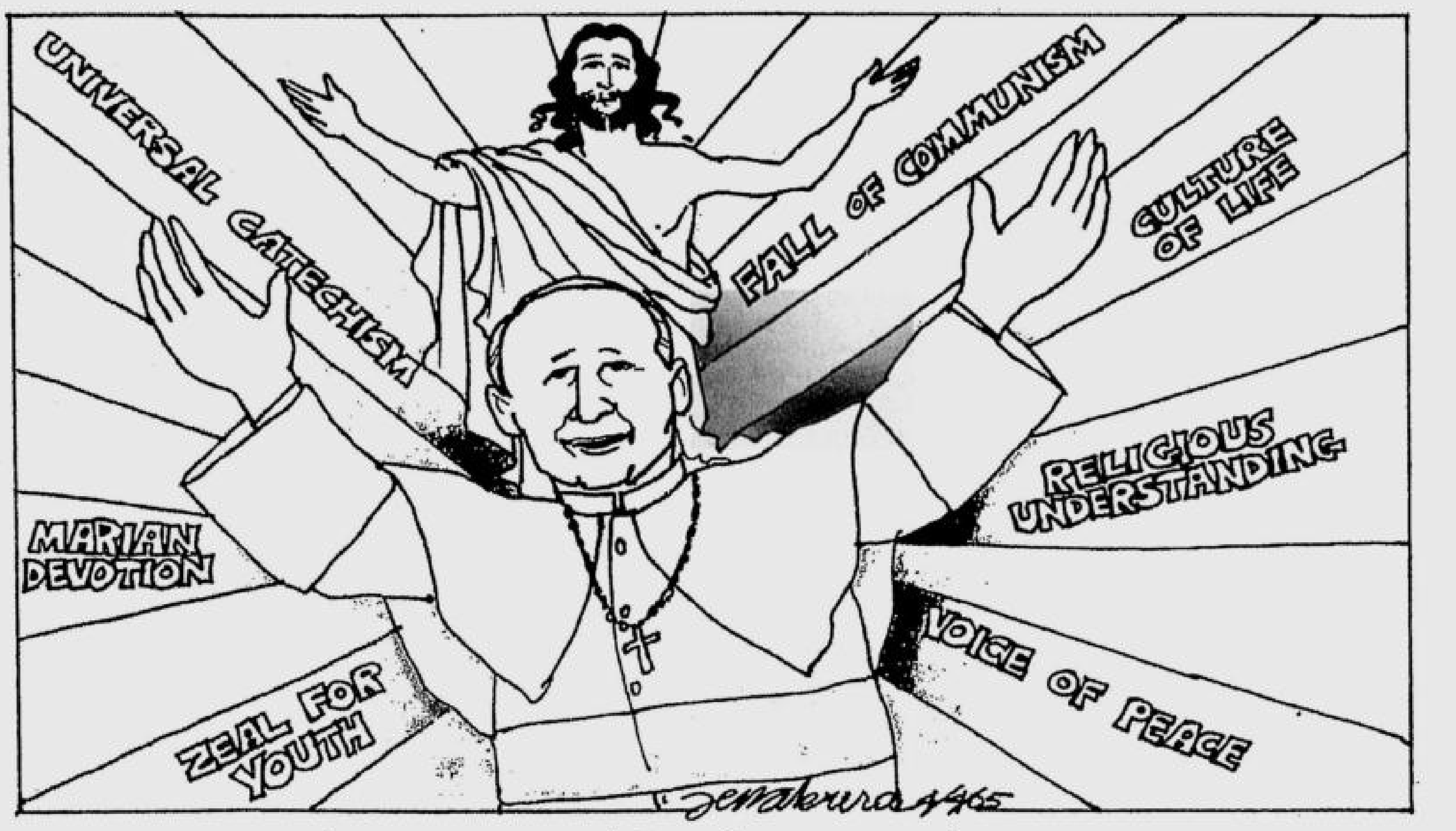

A man of faith

EDITORIAL

JOHN Paul II was the first pope of the digital age, but he held a faith that can best be described as ancient, one for the ages. It is this paradox which explains why his papacy, the third longest in history, was both extraordinary and riven with controversy.

He believed in the power of the Christian faith to make a difference in the modern world; in other words, he believed that a living faith was a relevant one. He communicated this belief in many ways, especially in his many travels, which brought his message home to untold millions in 129 countries.

But he also believed in the provenance of the Christian faith, and to the dismay of many liberal Catholics, refused to add to the dogma he had inherited. Especially in his last decade, he battled with advocates of change: those who wanted women to be ordained, or proposed that priestly celibacy be optional, or argued for same-sex marriages, or campaigned for the uses of contraception, or promoted the right to choose.

But even his most ardent critics saw him as a man of authentic conviction. And in his last days, he reunited the Catholic world through his very public suffering, drawing it closer to the vital center he had reinvented in his 26 and a half years as St. Peter's 264th successor.

His role in world history will take center stage in much of this week's post-mortem coverage. Lech Walesa, his countryman from Poland and the founder of the Solidarity movement, struck the high note for the coming drama's leitmotif by quantifying the intangible. The Pope, he said last week, was "50 percent" responsible for the collapse of communism.

History's judgment may not be as categorical, but historians agree that the Pope's triumphant visit to Poland in 1979, when the Soviet empire was at its peak, was a turning point. It led directly to the founding of Solidarity the following year, and then to other reform movements elsewhere in communist Europe. Amazingly, in only a decade, the empire was reformed out of existence. (And as we wrote yesterday, he also helped in the de-legitimization and then eventual overthrow of dictatorships of the right, including that of Brazil and the Philippines.)

The Pope's role as a media superstar will share the spotlight of coverage in the next few days. Elected in 1978, at a time when personal computers were still largely unknown, the Pope became a past master of today's media-driven, image-obsessed global culture. He outdid rock stars at their own game, pulling people to mammoth, electric, open-air affairs that nobody wanted to end. (In January 1995, during his second visit to the Philippines, he drew the largest crowd ever assembled in history.) He practiced the politician's art—flesh-pressing, baby-kissing, crowd-wading—at levels previously unseen. And he became the first pope to write a book ("Crossing the Threshold of Hope," an international bestseller), the first to issue a papal encyclical in compact disc format ("Evangelium Vitae"), the first to use a website.

But because he was, above all, a priest and spiritual leader, his principal legacy may well lie in the most controversial aspect of his papacy: the way he preserved, but did not add to, the deposit of faith.

Again, paradox describes him best.

He held the record for many extraordinary firsts: the first to pray in a synagogue, the first to visit a mosque, the first to preach in a Protestant church. And yet many found him unresponsive to radical change within his own Church. Instead, he introduced innovations in the liturgy and in the Church's prayer life. In this sense, his most characteristic legacy may well be the Mysteries of Light, a new set of mysteries for the Rosary that codifies familiar, traditional beliefs.

An active participant in all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council, the extraordinary "opening of windows" which led to many reforms but even more uncertainties, John Paul II used his papacy to bring an end to the post-Vatican II turmoil. In this light, his most important legacy may be the "Catechism of the Catholic Church," the first universal summary of the Catholic faith in over 400 years.

These paradoxes, however, are just that, apparent contradictions, because in John Paul II's historic papacy, they all came together in a bold, coherent, life-changing faith.

Good news and bad news about water

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

AS the temperature soars in the peak of summer, one's thoughts turn to water. Not only the water in the blue sea or in the swimming pools, but also the cold water to drink, to bathe in, to water the garden, and to make the ice for the lemonade. Well, I have good news and bad news regarding water, gathered mainly during the Kapihan sa Manila last Monday, March 28, from interviewing officials of agencies responsible for our water supply. They were Director Ramon Alikpala, chief of the National Water Resources Board, Jose Dimatulac of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, Dominador Pascua of the National Irrigation Administration, and Fr. Jett Villarin of the Manila Observatory and KLIMA (climate).

First the good news: The Umiray tunnel, which was blocked by logs during the flashfloods that overran villages in Aurora and Quezon a few months ago, has been cleared of debris and water is again flowing from the Umiray River in Quezon to Angat Dam in Bulacan. The extreme thirst that Metro Manilans would have suffered had the tunnel not been cleared on time has been averted.

Now for the bad news: The water crisis is not yet over. The additional water flowing in is not enough to supply the needs of the metropolis this summer. The Angat water level has dropped drastically even with more water coming in. The people will have to conserve water to make the available supply last until the rainy season in June. Remember, there is the El Niño to contend with. The NWRB has already cut the supply of irrigation water to Bulacan farmers; the Angat water has been reserved for the privileged Metro Manila residents.

More bad news: The fresh water supply of the Philippines is running out. Although there are still sources for the medium term, even all these will be, in the long run, not enough to satisfy the needs of the country's burgeoning population.

How can that be when we are an archipelago surrounded by water? How can that be when wide swaths of the country are flooded every rainy season?

It is indeed ironic that a country floating in vast amounts of water should suffer from water shortages. We are like the ancient mariner wailing: "Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink." Because unfortunately, the unlimited water surrounding us is undrinkable salty sea water.

Of course, desalination plants capable of converting sea water into fresh water are already available. But the drinking water they produce comes out very expensive because the plants consume too much oil. That is no problem for desert countries, like Saudi Arabia, which have plenty of oil. Water is more precious to them than oil. But to tropical countries, like the Philippines, with plenty of greenery and little oil, that is a problem.

Of course, we have plenty of sunlight that can power the desalination plants, but solar panels are also expensive and can easily be blown away during typhoons, which are frequent here.

What about ground water? Alas, that is another resource of ours that is also fast dwindling. So many people—and factories, residences, farms, fishponds, piggeries, and especially golf courses—have been sucking water from underground aquifers for decades so that the underground water level has gone down drastically. That is why many wells are going dry.

Worse, in some places, especially in coastal areas, sea water has begun to seep in to replace the fresh water in the underground aquifers. The wells, therefore, have only salt water.

Even worse, the grounds above these empty aquifers are subsiding because there is no more water pressure from under to hold them up. We don't notice it, but the ground levels are going down a few millimeters each year. That is why floods grow increasingly higher on the plains.

Floods! Yes, what happens to the water that regularly inundates the Philippines every rainy season?

Ordinarily, it should sink into the ground and replenish the aquifers. But now most of it just flows uselessly into the sea. Why?

Because big areas of the earth no longer absorb them like they used to. Mountains are now devoid of trees. There are no more roots to hold the water. So it flows down the mountainsides in torrents, taking with it precious topsoil that clogs rivers and streams and, sometimes, bury whole villages below. Too much concrete and asphalt now coat the surfaces of urban areas, so floodwaters cannot sink into the ground and just stay on top and flow out into the sea.

But here is something very strange: Water already stored behind a dam is allowed to also flow uselessly into the sea. Every second, millions of gallons of fresh water in the Wawa Dam in Montalban flow over it and down into the Marikina and Pasig rivers and into Manila Bay. Wawa is within spitting distance of La Mesa Dam in Quezon City. Putting pipes from Wawa to La Mesa wouldn't cost much and shouldn't take very long.

Water shortage every summer is now a regular calvary of Metro Manila. Isn't it logical that this source be tapped for additional supply to meet our higher water needs in summer or when such calamities, as what happened to the Umiray tunnel, occur? In fact, a private contractor, the San Lorenzo Ruiz Builders, which helped construct the Casecnan Dam in Nueva Ecija, has offered to tap it at no cost to the government. But wonder of wonders, the government refuses the company's offer in spite of the regular water shortages every summer. The application has been pending for 11 years; but until now, there is no indication when it will be acted on. There is no end in sight to the waiting.

This is a mystery the government has not been able to explain satisfactorily. Maybe, you can.

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THE CRIES of grief pour on. Jaime Cardinal Sin: "(Let us) seek the Lord's guidance and strength at this difficult time. Let us entrust our Holy Father to the Lord of Life." Gaudencio Rosales, Archbishop of Manila: "Let us be one in the spirit or prayer for his health, at this particular need of the Holy Father." Bishop Hernando Coronel, CBCP secretary general: "We, Filipinos, have a very special place in the Holy Father's heart. Let us show our deep love for him and for the Church he has generously guided and served."

And Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, (putative) President of the Philippines: "We really are grateful to the Lord that through all these many, many, years He gave us the wonderful leadership of the Pope in our Church."

Well, if I remember right, there's a passage in the Bible where Jesus Christ says, "Not all who say, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter his kingdom." Or less metaphorically, those who worship God in word, but not in deed, won't get past St. Peter.

It's the same thing here. I don't know why the princes of our Church and the queen of our State are wailing to high heavens and saying all these things. As things are, they should really be saying the opposite, which is that they are not entirely loath that God is summoning the current Pope unto His bosom. Or as a sign I once saw in a picket line put it, "*Sana kunin ka na ni Lord.*"

Why should our leaders grieve that the Pope is dying? They've never heeded his words anyway. They've never followed his example anyway. They've never shown their love for him by living in the light of his spirit anyway. They've gone against the most central tenets of his teachings anyway. They've listened more to the words of John, Paul, George and Bush than to John Paul II's.

The Pope has vehemently opposed the American occupation of Iraq, a position taken by the UN and much of the world. That war, he warned, would be "a defeat for all humanity," an atrocity that could neither be justified morally nor legally. "When war, as in these days in Iraq, threatens the fate of humanity, it is ever more urgent to proclaim, with a strong and decisive voice, that only peace is the road to follow to construct a more just and united society." Indeed, as Mark and Louise Zwick reported, "John Paul II sent his personal representative, Cardinal Pio Laghi, a friend of the Bush family, to remonstrate with the US President before the war began. The message: God is not on your side if you invade Iraq."

Yet, all our government has done is to follow George W. Bush instead. And our Church has been silent in the face of it. GMA's message does not apply to the Pope, it applies to the Dope: "We really are grateful to the Lord that through all these many, many, years, he gave us the wonderful leadership of George W." The rest of us may only be sorely ungrateful George W's Maker is not ardently claiming him at this very moment—it's hard to say, summoning him to his bosom, that lump of clay couldn't have come from it.

The Pope has vehemently opposed the kind of globalization being aggressively fomented by the North. "In the process of world globalization, the gap between rich and poor countries is ever greater. In the face of populations that live in conditions of unacceptable misery, in the face of those who are in situations of hunger, poverty and growing social inequalities, it is urgent to intervene to safeguard the dignity of the person and to foster the promotion of the common good." Instead, the Pope has espoused real globalization in these terms: "The challenge is to give life to a solidaristic globalization, identifying the causes of economic and social imbalances and presenting operative options capable of ensuring a future of solidarity and hope for all."

Yet all our government has done is to be a mouthpiece of the WTO. And our Church has been silent in the face of it.

The Pope has vehemently opposed the rending of the world into Armageddon, where "You are with us or against us," and has reached out instead to peoples of all faiths and beliefs by appealing to a common humanity and destiny. He is the one Pope to have gone to Jerusalem and sought to bring peace to Jews and Arabs, he is the one Pope to have set foot on a mosque, he is the one Pope to have apologized deeply for the atrocities wreaked by the Church throughout the centuries.

Yet all our government has done is to echo George W's division of the world into those for him and against him, and to talk of smiting God's enemies who are pretty much the Moros of the South. And the Church has been silent in the face of it.

And last, but most importantly, the Pope has championed morality in life. Not the kind of morality that has people going to Mass and sobbing at the impending death of their religious *amo*, but the kind of morality that has people respecting differences, showing tolerance for dissent, showing goodwill toward each other. Not the kind of morality that is advertised, but the kind of morality that is lived. Pope John Paul II has been called the "Pope of the New Millennium" for more reasons than that his life and term have straddled the 21st century. He has been called so because he has driven the Church right into it. He has made it a force not just in world affairs but in our individual lives. He has plucked right and wrong, good and evil, decency and obscenity from the realm of personal piety to the realm of living with one another on this lonely planet. Truly, the world—Christians and non-Christians, kings and paupers, devout and secular—has every reason to mourn his passing.

Yet, Jose Pidal still has to know how to spell the word "honesty."

The Pope does have a special place for Filipinos in his heart. The question is: Do we have a special place for him in ours?

John Paul as gleaned from his poems

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

"MY life will no longer be weighted/deep in my blood; the road will no longer slip away from my weary feet; New time now shines in my fading eyes: It will consume me, and dwell with my heart, And all shall be full at the last/and left for nought's delight."

These lines—about a life slipping away and getting a taste of heaven—might have run in the lucid mind of Pope John Paul II as he hovered at death's door, "aware that he is going to The Lord," as Cardinal Ratzinger put it, on the eve of the Feast of the Divine Mercy. Actually, the lines were taken from a poem titled "Embraced by new time," written by a poet named Karol Wojtyla, who later became the first Polish pope, and the third longest-reigning one.

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Like millions of other Catholics, I spent the past two days absorbed in JPII's deathwatch, praying for him. As his condition worsened, I dug up a booklet of his poems, gathered and annotated by my former UP humanities professor, Josefina Constantino, now Sr. Teresa Joseph Patrick of the Carmelites, for the silver jubilee of JPII's pontificate on Oct. 16, 2003. The poems, titled "The Easter Vigil and Other Poems," were written in his native Polish (translated by Polish poet and professor Jerzy Peterkiewiez of London University) and published between 1950 and 1966, as JPII began serving his priestly ministry. Sister Teresa noted that while his poetry "was generally profound and philosophical," yet he was able to deliver solid universal truths and deeply personal convictions with a radiance and an invigorating freshness that expands the mind and lifts the heart. She found resonances of Polish writer Joseph Conrad, English poet T.S. Eliot, American Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins and even the Spanish mystic St. John of the Cross in Wojtyla's poetry.

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In one poem, talking through the lips of the bishop (himself) as he administered the sacrament of confirmation to the villagers, Wojtyla says: "I am a giver, I touch forces that expand the mind." In those lines, he couldn't have foreseen the profound influence he was to have in the realm of spiritual renewal, ecumenism, the sanctity of human life, the world's youth and the Sacrament of the Eucharist (he declared October 2004-2005 as the Year of the Eucharist). Church historians consider as one of JPII's legacies his huge role in the dismantling of communism in Europe, which, in turn, is traced to his profound respect for human rights, very evident in his early poetry.

JPII was famous for his great devotion to the Mother of God, and this could be gleaned from the fact that his book of poems began with "a little unassuming poem" on Mary titled "Her amazement at her only child," wherein she contemplated his Godhead even in his childhood:

"...In that little town, my son, where they knew us together, You called me mother;

but no one had eyes to see the astounding events as they took place day by day; Your life became the life of the poor, In your wish to be with them, Through the work of your hands."

It ends with the precious lines:

"I knew; the light that lingered in ordinary things like a spark sheltered under the skin of our days—The light was you; It did not come from me. And I had more of you in that luminous silence than I had of you as the fruit of my body, my blood."

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In time he came to be referred to as John Paul The Great, in the tradition of the Church's more memorable popes, such as Leo The Great and Gregory The Great. His almost 27-year reign saw the Church embroiled in some of the bitterest controversies, but he didn't shirk from getting his preachings across, no matter how bitter it was for his flock. He was known as the "Great Communicator" and his autobiography, "Crossing the Threshold of Hope," was a consistent bestseller. It's a bitter irony that toward the end he couldn't utter a word; but, in that, he gave us a shining example of how to bear afflictions with more than just Christian fortitude. In the end he refused to die in a hospital hallway, preferring to meet death in his own bedroom.

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JPII utilized the mass media and man's inventions, such as the airplane, to bring his gospel around the world—the "travellingest" pope in history. Some of those travels were efforts to promote ecumenism: he was the first pope to visit a Muslim mosque and a Jewish synagogue, and in his visit to the Holy Land in the Holy Year 2000, he apologized to the Jews for the failings of the Church during their persecution. He also reached out to the Protestants in Martin Luther's backyard.

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Everyone has his own memories of this man whom the youth have known as their one and only pope. We followed him during his visits here in 1981 and 1995. I recall how, in 1995, my brothers and sisters and their families staked out in front of the house of my brother Ed and sister-in-law Ninez in Parañaque, hoping to catch a glimpse of JPII from the airport. Ninez is not exactly the religious type, but when he passed in front of her in his "Popemobile," she murmured, "It's like seeing God."

The last time I saw JPII was in Rome, at the canonization of Opus Dei founder Josemaria Escriva in October 2002. His debilitating Parkinson's disease was very advanced even then, but he seemed buoyed up by the 400,000 people from around the world who had trooped to Rome. After the ceremony his "Popemobile" drove him up and down St. Peter's Square, and he repeatedly blessed the huge throngs. Cries of "Viva Il Papa" lustily rose and many cried at the sight of the charismatic Pope. But the shouts became more deafening when a ranking official of the Armenian Orthodox Church went up to greet JPII, who gave him a big embrace. JPII would be a tough act to follow.

Acosta and the hidden scripts

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

Antonio J. Montalvan II

House Bill 3773 has brought us anew to the season of discourses on population issues. On the surface, this may appear useful to the citizens who, it is argued, need to make an "informed choice" when deciding on such issue as family size. Legislators, population management advocates, church-based groups have been trading views on population issues through various media forums, giving us the impression of a raging debate that makes for a healthy choice, said Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit.

It is the exponents of population control that seem to have the upper hand. Even television anchors now conveniently mouth their arguments. Nothing astonishing about this. All of them are based in congested urban Manila, which its residents consider as the microcosm of Filipino life, let alone a representation of an "overpopulated" Philippines. This, of course, is far from the provincial truth.

The immediate peril in this kind of situation is that ordinary Filipinos might just believe their arguments hook, line, and sinker. We know now what they are saying. But conversely, what are they **not** saying all along?

They are saying that we have to reduce our population in order to bring about real economic development. Nobody among them is saying what graft and corruption, inequitable distribution of wealth, inept government services are doing to the economic condition of our people. The legislators' reasoning—"overpopulation is the cause of underdevelopment"—is a mono-causal illogic and it is definitely inadequate: Poverty is caused by several factors and it deserves to be addressed with a more comprehensive approach. Malthus is long dead, literally and figuratively, in case they didn't know.

These debates certainly are not a case of "he said, she said." Legislators—and those lobbying for a pro-western population agenda, allegedly with their western-provided, fat lobby purses, are certainly doing little research work.

The favorite whipping boy is, of course, the Catholic Church. But have we heard these population "experts"—for once—provide a convincing argument against the Church's stand on artificial contraception? All they know is that the Church is against it. Not for a single moment have I heard them argue against the Church's position as laid down on such documents as Humanae Vitae. I doubt it whether they have even read the documents at all. Not for a single moment, too, have I heard them mention the Natural Law or the Moral Law. No, Edcel Lagman will not be up to the task in a public debate.

Listening to Catholic social worker Irene M. de los Angeles on nationwide television confirmed my fears. De los Angeles related her encounter with a woman who has 10 children. After the birth of her first child, the woman went to a government health center to ask for contraceptives. When she was found to have high blood pressure, she was refused. De los Angeles professes amazement: "Out of a long list of contraceptive [methods], she was not informed about the last item on the list: natural family planning." It appears that the health center personnel were not only averse to natural family planning; they were not well-versed on its application. No pun intended there, but talk about choices!

Needless to say, there is so much chatter about artificial contraception—all in the name of health—yet nobody among the proponents (of artificial family planning program) ever mentions the ill effects of these contraceptives. Nobody ever cites legitimate medical data, for instance, that today's intra-uterine devices are now laced with abortifacient chemicals. No statistics on uterine cancer that have afflicted women with a long history of IUD use. This definitely is not a situation that truly speaks of choices.

Those advocating the need for population control are talking about health that is unhealthy. They say they are not for abortion but they are silent on abortifacients. Somebody who does not lay all the cards on the table is called a dirty dealer. Well, this one is such a case, on a grand scale yet.

Amid the clumsy arguments for contraceptives comes out of the blue, like a bolt of lightning, Ligaya Acosta, an employee of the Department of Health in Eastern Visayas, saying that Secretary Dayrit's "Ligtas Buntis" program is a façade for promoting artificial contraception. This woman has put her job on the line. She is a heroine that we must listen to. For look, she is saying what nobody else has said all along. She is speaking the truth. She is telling us what the choices are.

There are other things that are not being said. Nobody is saying about the recorded 200,000 cases of abortion each year in the United States, where artificial contraceptives are practically within everyone's reach at any time. If HB 3773 is meant to arrest the tide of unsafe abortions in the Philippines, then I do not know what *non sequitur* logic ever means. They talk incessantly about the rights of women. Nobody, but nobody, has ever spoken about the rights of the unborn. Truly free choices are not made on the basis of limited information, deliberately meant to obfuscate the public's judgment.

And the "hidden" scripts reveal more. What about the "demographic winter"? Just imagine an aging population a few years from now—like what the countries that have adopted population control programs are now experiencing—in a country that remains poor, without a social welfare for the aged. Western culture is not always correct.

Thank you, Ligaya Acosta, for the joyful light.

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Interregnum

THE LONG VIEW

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THE VAST weight of history has descended on the Catholic Church with the death of Pope John Paul II. The moment has been stripped of much of its rituals: gone was the mirror placed before the mouth; so, it seems, was the silver hammer gently tapped three times on the forehead of a pope upon his death. However, there was still the last calling of the Pope's baptismal name, solemnly intoned three times; then the formal announcement that "The Pope has truly died." The trappings of a papal death have been steadily purged by past popes (particularly Paul VI) and Pope John Paul II; yet in what matters most, the prayers are those of centuries past: older generations are quite familiar with Psalm 130, "De Profundis," with its anguished words, "Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord..."

The heavy weight of history is seen in the titles of the officials involved, and the formal procedures required to properly announce the death of the pope: "In the presence of the Master of Papal Liturgical Ceremonies, the Cleric Prelates of the Apostolic Camera, and the Secretary and the Chancellor of the Apostolic Camera, the Camerlengo ascertains that the Pope is dead... Having made this determination, the Chancellor of the Apostolic Camera draws up the official death certificate.... Having certified that the Pope is dead, the Camerlengo notifies the Archpriest of the Vatican Basilica, and the Cardinal Vicar of the Diocese of Rome. It is the Cardinal Vicar who publicly announces to the City of Rome that its Bishop has died. Between the Camerlengo and the Prefect of the Papal Household, the Dean of the College of Cardinals must be informed. The Dean, in turn, officially notifies the other Cardinals, and calls them to Rome. He also notifies the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See, and the heads of state of the various nations. The camerlengo must must also take custody of the Apostolic Palaces of the Vatican, the Lateran Palace and Castel Gondolpho, that is, the various personal quarters of the Pope." The Ring of the Fisherman, the pope's symbol of authority, is smashed, as are the dies for the lead seals for apostolic letters, to prevent the issuance of forgeries. An autopsy is forbidden.

The camerlengo, or papal chamberlain, is the essential figure during the Novendiales, the nine-day mourning period (which begins on the day of death) during which a pope is buried and the cardinals come to Rome to elect the pope's successor. The camerlengo is only one of three Vatican officials who retain their positions after the death of a pope: all others—including the extremely powerful cardinal secretary of state (referred to by observers as the prime minister of the Vatican)—lose their jobs. The other two officials are the major penitentiary, who, in the words of Thomas Reese in his fascinating book, "Inside the Vatican," concerns himself "with confessional matters reserved to the Holy See, and he is allowed to continue because the opportunity for forgiveness of sins should always be available"; the other is the vicar of the Diocese of Rome, who "provides for the pastoral needs of the Diocese of Rome and continues to have all the powers he had under the pope." The camerlengo administers the temporal, that is, worldly, mainly financial and petty administrative, matters of the Church, with the advice of the entire College of Cardinals gathered in Rome, and the specific help of three "cardinal assistants," chosen by lot every three days. However, the College of Cardinals are prohibited from changing the rules governing papal elections, appointing new cardinals, or making decisions that are binding on the next pope.

On Feb. 22, 1997, John Paul II issued an Apostolic Constitution, in essence, a law, governing the selection of his successor, titled "Universi Dominici Gregis." The document will have important repercussions on the selection of a new pope, even as it provides detailed instructions on the obsequies for a dead pope: Chapter 5, Sec. 30, for example, stipulates that "No one is permitted to use any means whatsoever in order to photograph or film the Supreme Pontiff either on his sickbed or after death, or to record his words for subsequent reproduction. If after the Pope's death anyone should wish to take photographs of him for documentary purposes, he must ask permission from the Cardinal Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church, who will not however permit the taking of photographs of the Supreme Pontiff except attired in pontifical vestments." This was in response to the smuggling in of a camera by a doctor during the dying moments of Pope Pius XII.

Following the example of Paul VI, John Paul II will most likely lie in a simple pinewood coffin, a pauper's coffin, while his remains are displayed for the homage of the faithful. But he will be placed in a coffin of bronze, and then of lead, prior to internment. The tradition of placing bags of gold and silver coins to represent the years and months of his pontificate, has been abolished, although most likely his coffin will still contain a certificate of identity and copies of documents considered the essential products of his reign.

The leaders of nations will go to Rome for his funeral, a ceremony marked primarily by spirituality, not by the symbols of earthly power of past papal funerals.

It will be in the Conclave, the period when the 120 Cardinals—80 years old and below—are sequestered in the Domus Sanctae Marthae (which has "108 suites and 23 single rooms, all with private baths") and the Sistine Chapel, that John Paul II's efforts to provide for the election of his successor will be most felt. The interregnum, the period between reigns, also known as the *Sede Vacante*, the time of the empty throne, has begun.

Reforms in Nokor; a system on edge

NEWS ANALYSIS

Martin Nesirky and Jack Kim

SEOUL—Tentative reforms and tenacious refugees are tearing a growing hole in North Korean society, but South Korea's top expert on the North's economy says that does not mean the communist system is about to disappear into it.

Kim Young-yoon should know.

As director of the Center for the North Korean Economy at the government-funded Korea Institute for National Unification think tank, he has the job of ensuring South Korea knows how the North's economy is faring, not least because Pyongyang still diverts precious funds to its nuclear weapons programs.

South Korea, the world's 11th largest economy, would prefer the eventual unification to achieve a soft landing—with the North more economically robust rather than the aid-dependent near-pariah it is now. Foreign and domestic investors in the South agree.

A landing soon might not be catastrophic, but it would be bumpy.

"We might say there is a violent wind, a great hole in North Korean society," says Kim, whose team has just published the most up-to-date assessment of the North's economy, based on months of work culling myriad sources for information.

"The hole is getting bigger," Kim told Reuters at his office in Seoul, South Korea's capital. "But we have to separate that from North Korea collapsing." The published study, so far only in Korean, is a 50-page version of an internal report twice that length for the government. An English translation is expected in a few months.

Profit not a dirty word

The report details the story so far—prices freed but inflation high; profit and decision-making no longer dirty words but central control still in place; more goods available but growing income disparities. It also points to some trends, such as social tensions, but offers no policy suggestions.

These chip-chip changes to the long-rigid communist system and the ebb and flow of refugees have worn the hole Kim mentions.

North Korea introduced piecemeal reforms in July 2002 to try to resuscitate a near-moribund economy that has failed for years to feed the country's 22 million people properly and has prompted many thousands to leave, mostly to or through neighboring China.

Nearly 1,900 reached the South in 2004 and 218 in the first quarter of this year, according to government figures.

Markets stocking Chinese and other goods, revamped restaurants, street booths in Pyongyang touting ice cream and even skates for hire provide evidence of positive change. Kim says there is no turning back from these reforms.

Yet, growing urban poverty that affects nearly a third of the population, industrial sclerosis and signs of social upheaval—such as apparent public executions and campaigns for shorter hair and ideological education—show how far North Korea still has to go and the limits for a leadership fearful for its future.

"I believe Kim Jong-il has a great interest in China's changes and he probably wants to do the same," says Kim. "I think Kim Jong-il's belief is he can't do it at the risk of the system. He doesn't have that kind of confidence." Kim Jong-il's premier, Pak Pong-ju, visited China in March to take a look at reforms just a year after Kim himself made the trip to Pyongyang's main trade partner and biggest benefactor.

Rebellion 'absolutely impossible'

Kim of the think tank says Pak has "tremendous power." It is not yet clear whether Pak, viewed in Seoul as favoring reform, will introduce more changes on his return to an economy that grew 1.8 percent in 2003, according to the South's best estimate, and probably stagnated last year.

But a growing wealth gap that is alienating city dwellers and pervasive food shortages that stunt growth have yet to spark any known large-scale dissident activity, let alone a revolt of the kind seen in the former Soviet Union, most recently Kyrgyzstan.

"Absolutely impossible," says Kim when asked about rebellion, the "regime change" some Washington hawks advocate.

"North Korea may look like it is changing, but to think that it may represent a risk or the system might collapse is just our way of thinking," he says. "There is a unique logic and power that sustains North Korean society. That comes from the power structure, and that power controls the public." There have been some reports of graffiti and critical leaflets, but any organized resistance is unlikely to last long because of the security services, prison camps and an obedience stemming from hunger, diplomats and security analysts say.

The World Food Program, which has provided aid to North Korea since 1995, said on March 26 it was cutting supplies because it was struggling to find donors.

North Korea is focusing on agriculture this year to try to boost output but is unlikely to succeed alone, experts say. Now the country faces a bird flu outbreak that could devastate its poultry industry.

More than one million people have died of famine since the mid-1990s. The country needs aid for medicine and food to feed a quarter of the people. The Red Cross said on March 29 that political tensions and government controls jeopardized those efforts.

That was a reference to the North's desire to control aid workers and to the stalled six-way talks on Pyongyang's cash-sapping nuclear ambitions that have made some countries hold off donations. The talks involve the two Koreas, China, Japan, Russia and the United States.

"The nuclear problem and the six-party talks have a significant influence on North Korea's economy," says Kim.

With little sign the North will return any time soon to those negotiations or to North-South talks, South Korean officials and experts, like Kim, see little economic change for the better.

"They need help from the outside. Before there is success or failure, there will be turmoil," says Kim.

"It will be difficult for the changes alone to produce results overall for North Korea to make a breakthrough on its own, and there will continue to be stagnation in the meantime."

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Is high court above the law?

I FEEL sad to hear complaints about the undue delay in the disposal of cases (i.e., GR 112526—11 years; GR 143219—5 years) pending before the Supreme Court. (Letters, PDI, 7/27/04, 8/24/04, 3/5/05, 3/9/05)

Lawyers are being fined for filing motions for postponement. Lower court judges' and appellate justices' salaries are withheld if they do not meet their case-disposition quotas. The late Sandiganbayan Presiding Justice Francis Garchitorena was suspended by the Court for not coping with the cases assigned to him for decision.

But what about the Supreme Court? Is it above the law? Isn't it about time that Chief Justice Hilario Davide gave an aging of the cases pending before the high court?

I think the Filipino people would like to know how the Supreme Court justices are faring in the disposition of their cases. As the saying goes, "Justice delayed is justice denied."

By the way, a lawyer-friend of mine, who has been practicing law for 29 years, once said: If he were a litigant in a land dispute case, he'd plant fruit trees, mahogany or narra.

By the time the case is terminated, he would have harvested the fruits or cut the trees for lumber. And that was exactly what he did two years ago—when he filed a case for recovery of possession against a telecommunications company that erected its tower on his land without his knowledge and consent.

Now he doesn't feel very, very bad about justice grinding exceedingly slow (especially that the telecom lawyers are dilatory tactics experts) because he expects to harvest mangoes in his land in six years!

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Country needs fundamental change, not VAT

IN THEIR most recent paper, "The economy on a cusp," 11 UP School of Economics professors are pushing for the approval of the proposed increase in the value-added tax rate.

They strike a pose of being critical of the administration in asserting that the country is still in fiscal crisis. But in essence, they are trying to provide intellectual legitimacy to the unpopular and anti-people increase in the VAT, playing right into President Macapagal-Arroyo's game plan.

They admit that the proposed VAT increase is "bound to bite into consumers' pockets" and assert that "it does so for a larger purpose—to stave off a crisis and contribute funds for social development and infrastructure."

But the majority of consumers are the poor who pay the high prices of basic commodities, water, electricity, and social services such as education and health. Taxing them some more in the face of meager and decreasing real income will only sink them deeper into hunger and poverty.

Contrary to the UP 11's assertion, the funds that will be collected from a VAT increase will not go to "social development and infrastructure," but to paying the foreign debt.

It is estimated that more than 90 percent of the government's projected revenues for 2005 will go to paying the foreign debt. This means less, not more, social development and infrastructure, and worse, more foreign debt and more poverty.

In their first paper, "The deepening crisis," the UP 11 leave unquestioned the government's policy of allotting a great percentage of the national budget and national revenue to paying the foreign debt.

Instead of critically examining this, they are justifying a tax measure that is consistent with the government's policy on the foreign debt. They propose no less than an overdose of the poison that caused this crisis in the first place.

The poison is the neo-liberal policies that have caused further hunger and poverty among our people, decrease in government revenues, increase in the foreign debt, and deepening of structural problems.

These policies are foisted upon us by wealthy and powerful countries, principally the United States, through their agencies. Since the Marcos dictatorship, various administrations have enlisted the help of economists in legitimizing and selling anti-people policies. The UP 11 are now doing these for the Arroyo administration.

We call on the people to oppose the neo-liberal zealots in the UP School of Economics and in Malacañang. Let us fight to junk the proposed VAT increase and to bring about fundamental change in our society.

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VAT on physicians bad for health system

IF the bill lifting the VAT exemption for professionals (Senate version) is passed and signed into law, the physician will be collecting VAT payments from his patients and remitting the VAT payments most likely on a weekly and monthly basis to the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Doctors are not corporations. They don't have secretaries and messengers who would do the filing of their VAT payments at the BIR. The VAT payments will certainly take away a great deal of time that they can otherwise spend ministering the sick, which is their primary mission.

Clearly, this added burden on doctors and patients alike is inimical to the already critical health care delivery in this country.

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LETTERS
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A dejected parent on RP's woes

I HAPPENED to watch, on cable TV, an interview of a US school official talking about something like the Southbeach diet for American students. This was in response to a recent study that US kids are suffering from obesity.

I could only watch with envy the school administrators' swift response. They really value their young as Jose Rizal wanted us to do with ours. "The youth is the hope of the Fatherland," he said.

But our kids here are not only suffering from lack of books, classrooms and competent teachers. They are also dying right on our school campuses. The reason is the government's gruesome apathy to our decaying public education system.

In this country, we have to pay a fortune to send our kids to private schools just to make sure they get the right training and adequate facilities. My wife is a public school teacher. It's ironic that we can't send our children to her school because she herself can't assure me of quality training for them. How sad.

Government support for the school where she teaches is so tight that she spends her own money to buy devices, chalk and other school materials to keep her classroom "working." Lucky for those kids under her. I feel more sad to know that most parents motivate their children into studying hard so that they can qualify to work overseas.

I wonder what the future holds for this country if our officials continue to be inept and corrupt.

When disasters strike the country, government does its usual thing; it goes to the stricken areas, then declares them under a state of emergency, visits the victims and that's it! It is appalling to see investigation after investigation being conducted like a "zarzuela." When "the" big event fades out of the headlines, the investigations just follow into oblivion.

Looking at the way our government is managing this country, including its flip-flopping again on the log ban issue, it won't take a Nostradamus to foretell the inevitable decay of our nation. I hate being pessimistic, but can you really blame a dejected parent?

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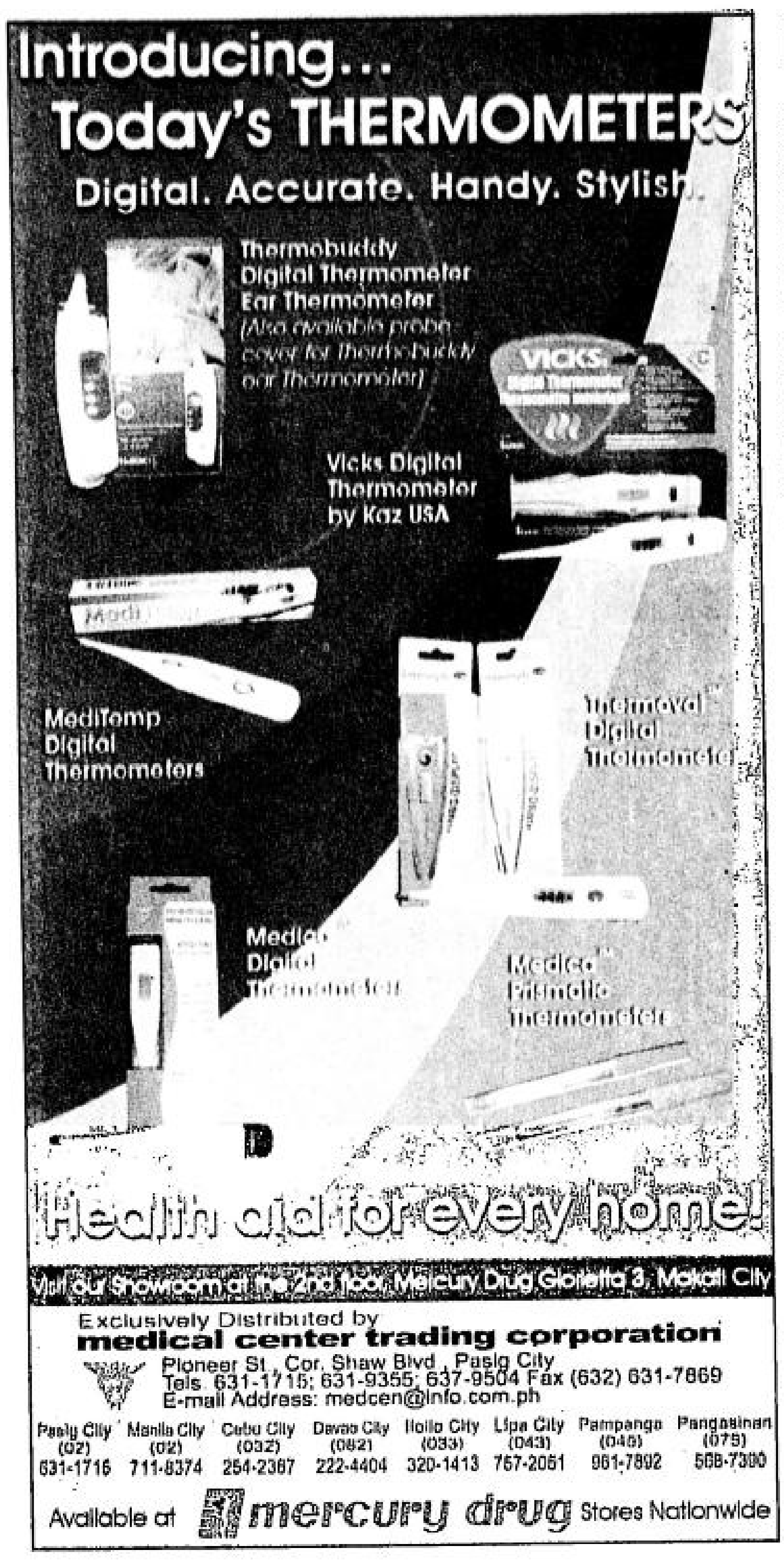
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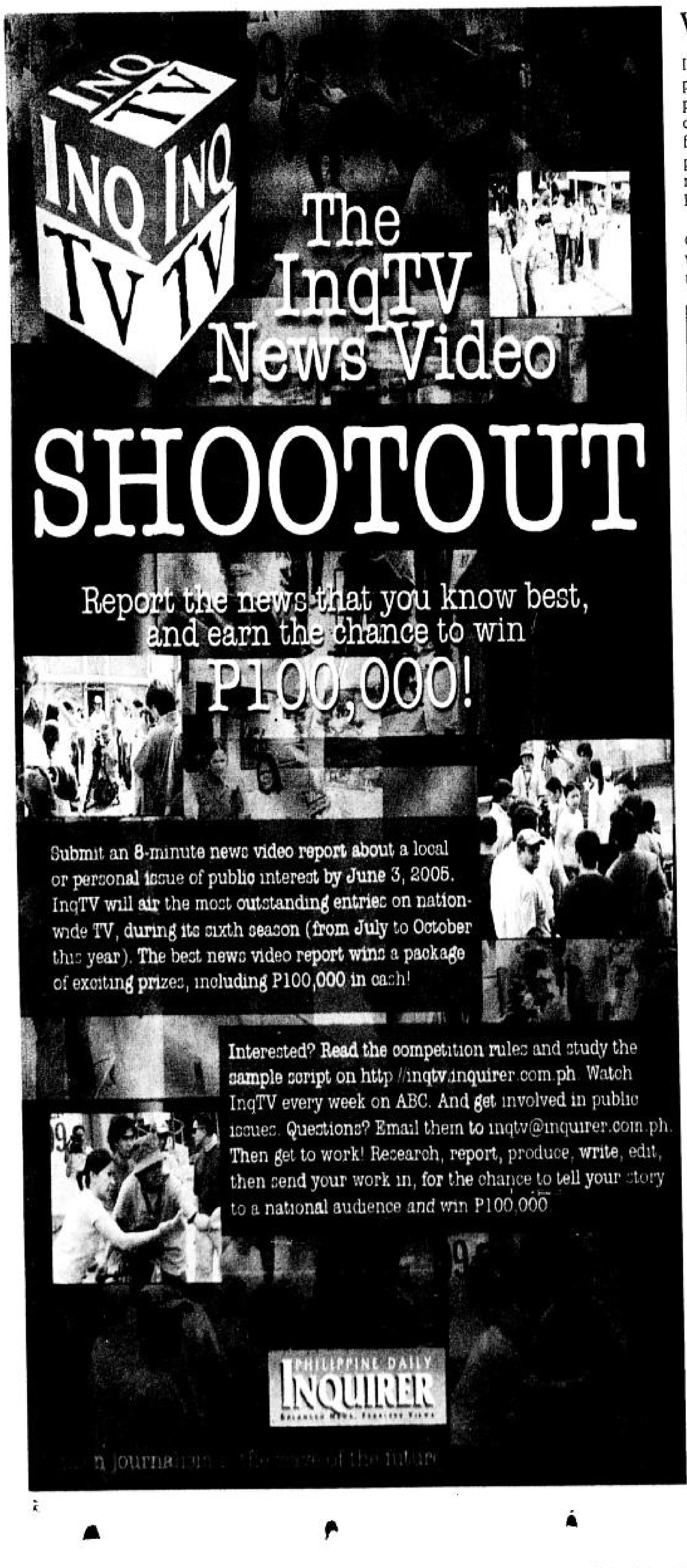
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Memories of meetings ease pain from Pontiff's death

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Memories of three papal encounters and Pope John Paul II's thank you note for a box of ripe Philippine mangoes helped a Catholic couple here cope with the grief and gloom from the Pope's passing.

"Inspiring" and "moving" were how Nestor and Marionette Mangio called their brief meetings with Pope John Paul II in 2000, 2002 and 2004.

The three visits made the Mangios perhaps among the few Filipino laity to have met the Pope up close on several occasions.

"He has deepened our faith and strengthened our evangelization," said Nestor, an architect. "We always felt God's presence through him," Marionette added.

The couple founded 11 years ago the Catholic charismatic group Spirit of Love in Pampanga.

It was in Pampanga that Augustinian missionaries spread the faith throughout Central Luzon in the 16th century. Pampanga is still one of the leading provinces that produce priests, nuns and laity missionaries.

The Mangios, involved in housing and real estate development projects, are among the Church's benefactors. They have also converted a part of their home in Angeles City into a chapel and oratory where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

Loving aura

"You can't compose yourself when you get to meet him. I thought I could during the second time. When we were given the chance to be photographed with him, my wife and I wanted to smile for the camera but we were moved by tears of joy. We felt the Pope's loving aura. It was like feeling God through him," Nestor said.

In the first encounter, at 8 a.m. on June 18, 2000, the Pope received the couple and their four children with this message: "God bless the Filipinos! God bless your family!"

By then, the country was beginning to be thrown in turmoil over the "Juetengate" scandal in the Estrada administration.

Also on June 15 that year, the Mangios celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at the Vatican through a Mass concelebrated by 16 priests.

"He walked toward every member of our family and, we kissed his hands and he gave us a rosary each," Nestor recalled of the first meeting.

In June 2002, the couple was given the privilege of joining the Pope in his private chapel where a Mass was held by 29 priests in celebration of the canonization of Padre Pio, the Blessed Stigmata. It was Marionette's brother, Fr. Christopher Panlilio of the Missionaries of Faith, who read that day's Gospel.

At the visiting room after the Mass, the couple saw an indication of the Pope's frail health. The Pope sat most of the time while receiving guests.

During that visit, Marionette brought a box of fresh Cebu mangoes as a gift for the Pope. Nestor recalled Marionette chose the best ones from among several boxes and casually left a box at the door of a kitchen in the Vatican that was supervised by nuns.

In the summer of 2004, the Mangios sent the Pope another box of mangoes through a nun on vacation from the Vatican.

They were surprised to get a thank-you note by Christmas. The mangoes were "sweet" and they were the Pope's "favorite," went the message signed by his secretary.

They got an apostolic blessing, sent by Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the secretary of state, for the 10th anniversary of the Spirit of Love last year.

The Mangios' last papal audience was on Nov. 23 last year. This was on the occasion of the marriage of the Mangios' son, Brian John, to Anna Lou Velasco, when the couple took part in the Pope's blessing of newlyweds from different countries.

Nestor and Marionette, who consider the Pope a "living saint," said they felt a great sense of loss and sadness.

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THE MANGIO family of Pampanga is perhaps among the few Filipino laity to have met Pope John Paul II three times.

18 killed as bus hits jeepney in Pangasinan

By Yolanda Fuertes and Eric Montoya
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

SAN FABIAN, Pangasinan—A day at the beach for a group of Baguio residents and their relatives ended in tragedy Saturday night when 18 people were killed and 23 others hurt after a bus hit their jeepney on the national highway in Barangay Rabon here.

Police said a Dagupan City-bound Victory Liner bus overtook a minibus and failed to avoid the oncoming jeepney at about 7 p.m.

The victims, police said, were on their way from a beach resort here, to their home in Barangay Loakan in Baguio City when the accident occurred.

The victims were taken to different hospitals in Dagupan City and in Agoo town and San Fernando City in La Union. They were Moses, Marlyn, Marion and Mary Joy, all surnamed Tikchap; Cipriana and Jasmin Camfuli; Josefa and Linda Wacnang; Valensugo and Venus Canayon; and Sharon Ballocanag, Sally Umanag, Ming Fee Lidchong, Mary Joy Marzan, Venus Banggalat, Crispina Piaong, Colea-en Gimpac and May Ann Macyon. Moses Tikchap was the jeepney driver.

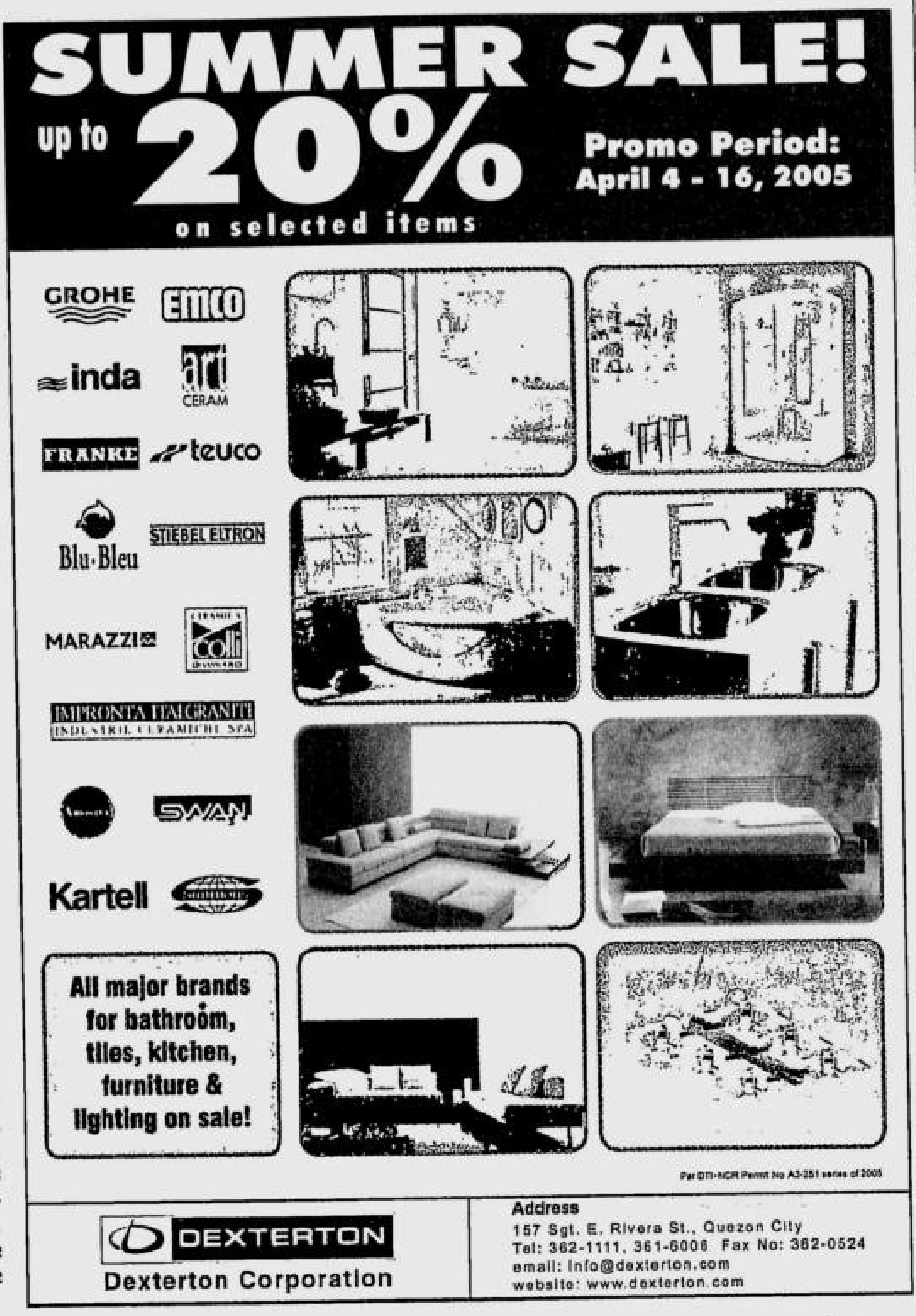
The bus driver, Senecio Panitan Jr., fled but was later reported confined at the Nazareth Hospital in Dagupan City, where he sought treatment for injuries he suffered from the accident.

Chief Insp. Genaro Sapiera, San Fabian police chief, said they were preparing multiple homicide charges against Panitan.

One of the survivors, Eduardo Wacnang, 47, was seated atop the jeepney when the bus rammed their vehicle. Due to the impact, Wacnang slammed into the bus' front. He was taken to the Region I Medical Center here while his wife Josefa was taken to a hospital in Agoo where she died.

A bus passenger, BJ Serafica, seated behind the driver, blamed Panitan for the accident. "It was the bus driver's fault because he was really speeding," he said.

The Victory Liner management said it was extending help to the victims.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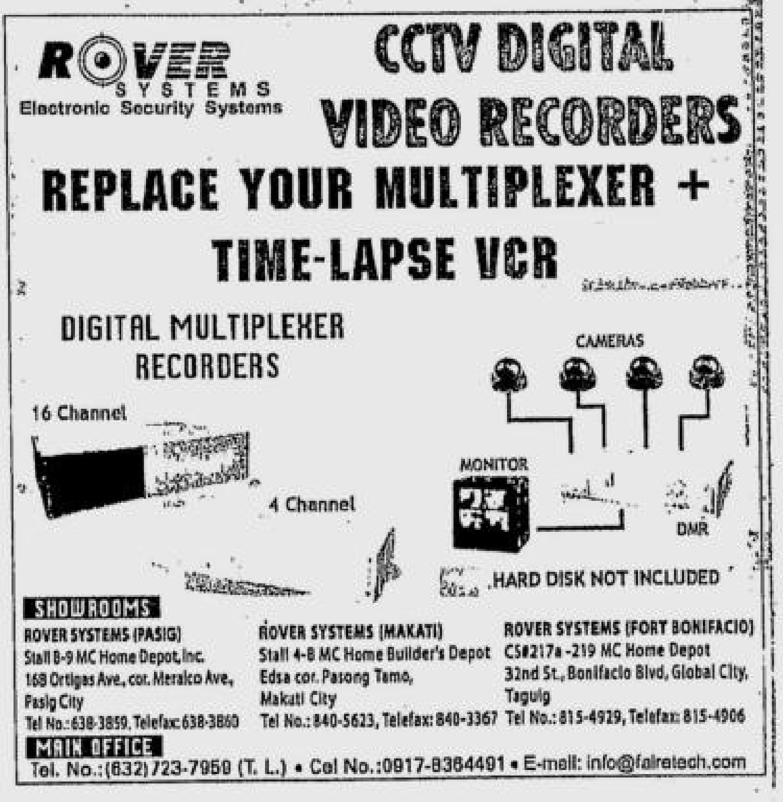
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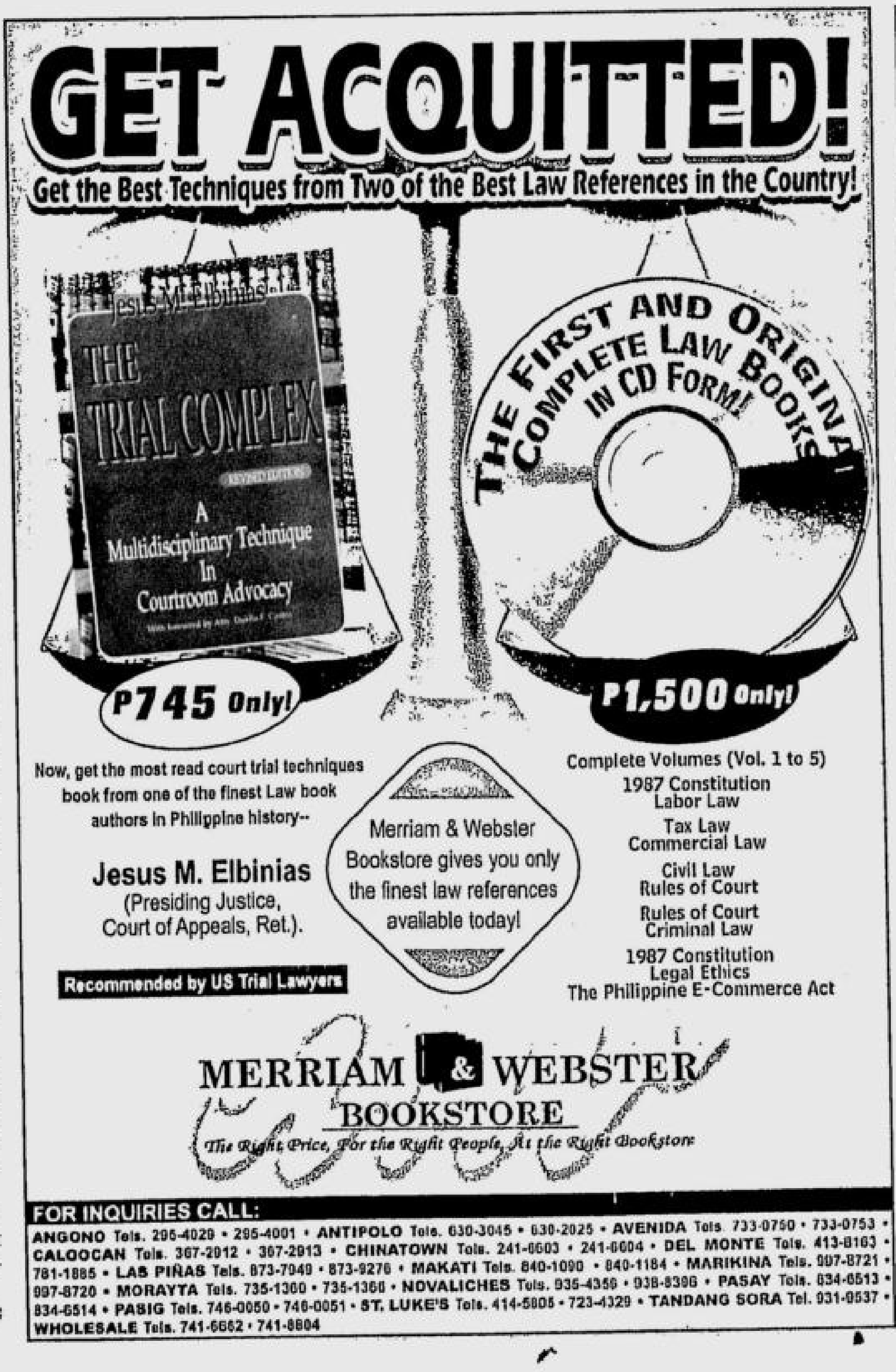
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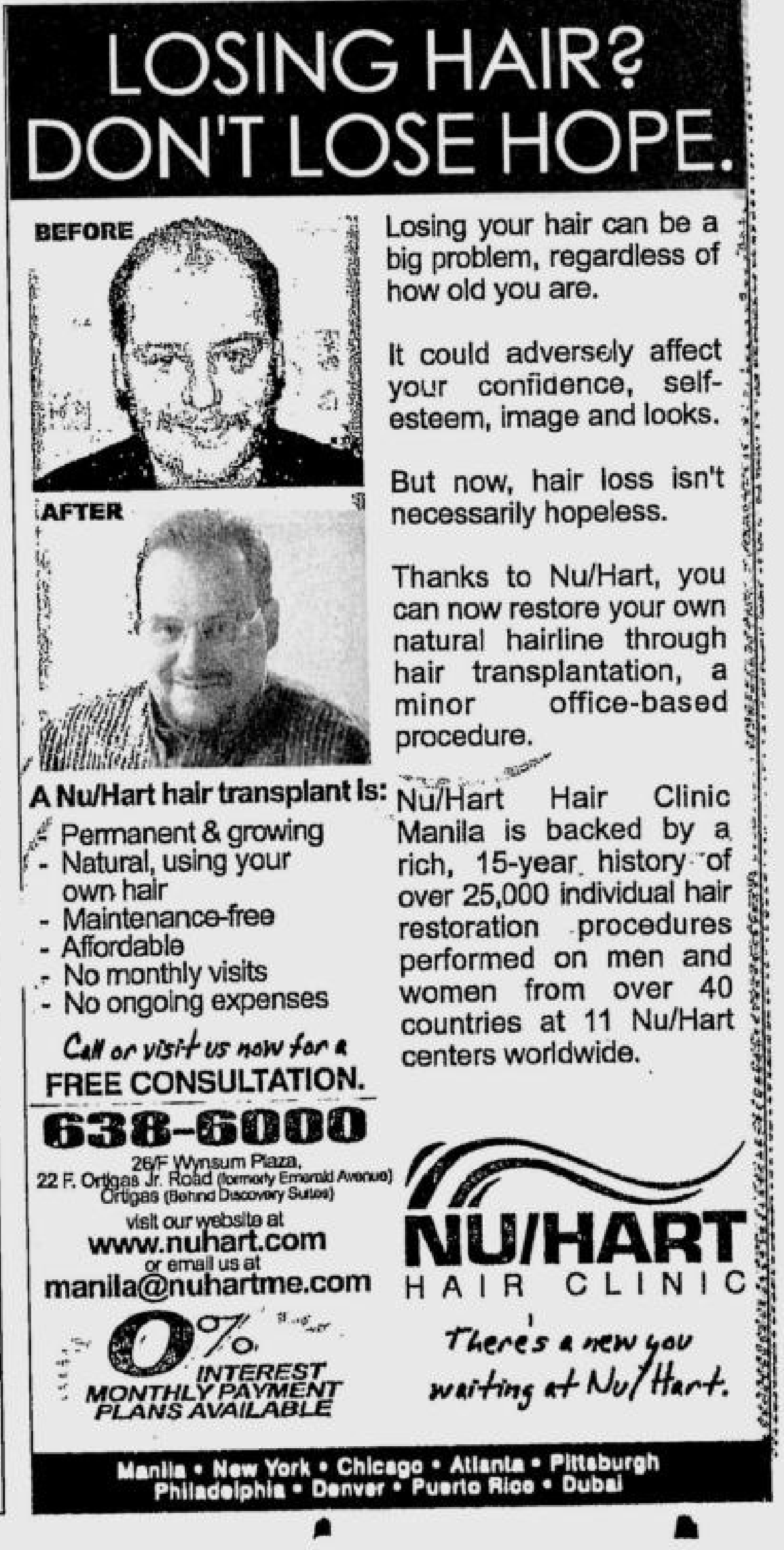
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'Lumads' protest mining stoppage

KORONADAL CITY—*Lumad* residents of a hamlet in Barangay Kimatu in T'boli, South Cotabato have protested the provincial government's order to stop their mining activities.

Recently, authorities, acting on orders of Gov. Daisy Fuentes, stormed Sitio B'langas and confiscated equipment that the natives use in sluice mining.

Community leader Berto Kamansay said they were not ready for the harsh action by the provincial government.

He said prior to the seizure, they appealed to Fuentes to give them enough time.

"They could have let us finish what we started . . . we just needed to get sufficient volume of gold and then we swore to stop," Kamansay said.

They would picket the provincial capitol here, Kamansay swore.

Lourdes Jumilla, secretary of the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB), defended Fuentes' order saying sluice mining is dangerous.

Sluice mining involves moving the soil and pouring large volumes of water into until it washes down to small boxes where gold particles are extract.

The sluice boxes have screens that separate the fine gold particles from the ore.

The accumulated gold particles are then placed in a container and processed with mercury.

"The situation there is very alarming . . . the T'boli *lumad* were seemingly not aware of the dangers that await them because of their illegal practice," Jumilla said.

Because of the diggings, the "whole village is almost barren now with no trees standing," she said.

"The possibility of a landslide is just too threatening," Jumilla said.

In Manay, Davao Oriental, miners who flocked to Barangay Taocanga refused to leave the area despite a government ban on mining activities there.

Fight to death

"We have already invested so much money and risked our lives digging the gold tunnels. We will fight the moratorium order to death," a miner in the new gold-rush area said.

Lowel Pelayo of the provincial environment and natural resources office, said the moratorium was meant "to put order in the gold-rush area, as many fortune seekers are now indiscriminately digging gold tunnels that may lead to deadly disasters."

"The provincial government may seek the assistance of the Philippine Army in implementing the moratorium order just like what former Davao Oriental Gov. Rosalind Lopez did in Lupon town," he said.

The moratorium starts today but the miners said they would fight efforts to remove them from the area.

"We have our own firearms. We will fight whoever will stop us even if they are government soldiers," Armando Alinsala, one of the 6,000 miners in the area, said.

Jessie James Leong, owner of at least three mining tunnels, said he suspected that the moratorium would give greedy government officials time to monopolize mining operations in the area. *Jeffrey Tupas and Ferdinand Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Participants wear tobacco masks during the street dancing of the Tobacco Festival held April 2 in Candon City, Ilocos Sur.

11 Chinese nationals held for fake computer games

By Marlon Ramos
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

BIÑAN, Laguna—Intelligence operatives arrested 11 Chinese nationals believed to be running a warehouse producing fake DVDs, VCDs and CDs for computer games after conducting simultaneous operations in Barangay Mamplasan here just before midnight on Friday.

Chief Supt. Jesus Versoza, Calabarzon police director, said members of the Regional Special Operations Group conducted the raid on the storage facility inside the Laguna International Industrial Park (LIIP) at around 11 p.m. after receiving complaints from the legal counsels of Sony Computer Entertainment-Japan.

Versoza said the computer games company informed them that the establishment, registered under the name Bright Future Technologies Inc., was manufacturing pirated DVDs for their Sony Playstation 2 which has caused them millions of pesos in projected profits.

Warrants

He said their operations were covered by eight search warrants issued by Judge Antonio Eugenio Jr. of the Manila Regional Trial Court.

Confiscated from the facility were eight replicating machines, five bonding machines, four printing machines, 2,000 pirated DVDs and several sacks of polycarbonate plastics used as the primary raw material in producing compact discs.

The 200-square meter facility was situated inside a 1,000-square meter property rented by Jianshe Motors.

Versoza said the suspects rented the space from Jianshe which is involved in importing second-hand motorcycles from China and Japan for reconditioning.

President Macapagal-Arroyo briefly visited the warehouse at around noon Saturday.

The President congratulated Versoza and the Optical Media Board (OMB) for the successful raid. "May you continue your work to end piracy in the country," Ms Arroyo said before boarding the presidential vehicle. The 11 arrested suspects, all undocumented aliens believed to be in their mid-20s, were later presented to Ms Arroyo.

Senior Supt. Jaime Calungsod, Laguna police director, said separate police teams arrested the suspects at 130-C McKinley Court inside the posh Brentville Subdivision, some 200 meters away from the warehouse.

He said among the suspects, only Jin Dun Lin, 25, has been identified as the others could not comprehend English and Filipino.

P600-million machines

Lawyer Marivic Benedicto, OMB executive director, said the raid was the result of a two-month surveillance on the group.

The company started operations in the country in November 2003 and applied for a permit from the then Video Regulatory Board for a unit of replicating machine, she said.

A certain Anthony Brian Sy was the registered owner of the machines. "They told us that they had yet to start operations because they had not acquired the machine. But when we conducted an inspection that year, they already have machines here," she said.

The recovered machines, worth P600 million, were all smuggled into the country, she said. They could produce 320,000 in a day of operations.

The group, Benedicto said, was likewise "very careful not to pile up the finished products here."

She said the group had a direct link with vendors selling the counterfeit products.

Lawyer Mike Untalan, counsel for the complainants, said they later found out that Sy was just a driver of the company and in charge of transporting the suspects to and from the warehouse.

A certain David Wang, a Hong Kong-based businessman, was the real owner of the machines, which are all registered with Hong Kong authorities, Untalan said.

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8 hurt in grenade blast

KABACAN, Cotabato—At least eight persons, including a seven-year-old boy, were injured when a grenade exploded near a state university here on Thursday evening. Police said witnesses told investigators that two men, who rode in tandem aboard a motorcycle, slowed down in front of Antonio's Carinderia near the University of Southern Mindanao around 8:30 p.m. The witnesses saw one of the men lobbing the grenade inside the eatery, said Insp. Abello Dionggaya, Kabacan police chief. Dionggaya said the grenade attack could have been triggered by a personal grudge between the attackers and one of the victims, whom he did not identify. *Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Comelec affirms mayor's win

SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ—The Commission on Elections has affirmed the 2004 election victory of Mayor Nestor Alvarez. The results of the Comelec's recount of votes cast for the mayoral race here showed that Alvarez won by 3,745 votes over Domiciano Laurena IV. Laurena earlier protested Alvarez's victory, claiming that there were irregularities in the counting of votes. *Anselmo Roque, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Mayor sued for harassment

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—A family here sued Mayor Nestor Fongwan for harassment on Tuesday, after a group of residents tore down the family's fence allegedly upon the mayor's instructions. Fongwan, president of the Benguet Mayors' League, is facing malicious mischief charges from the family of Barbara Santos because 25 of their neighbors used his demolition order to hammer down their fence and free a disputed road right of way. Santos' family said they were traumatized by the siege on March 10. But Fongwan said the municipal government had not issued any demolition order because the land dispute was being heard in court. "The family was misinformed," he said. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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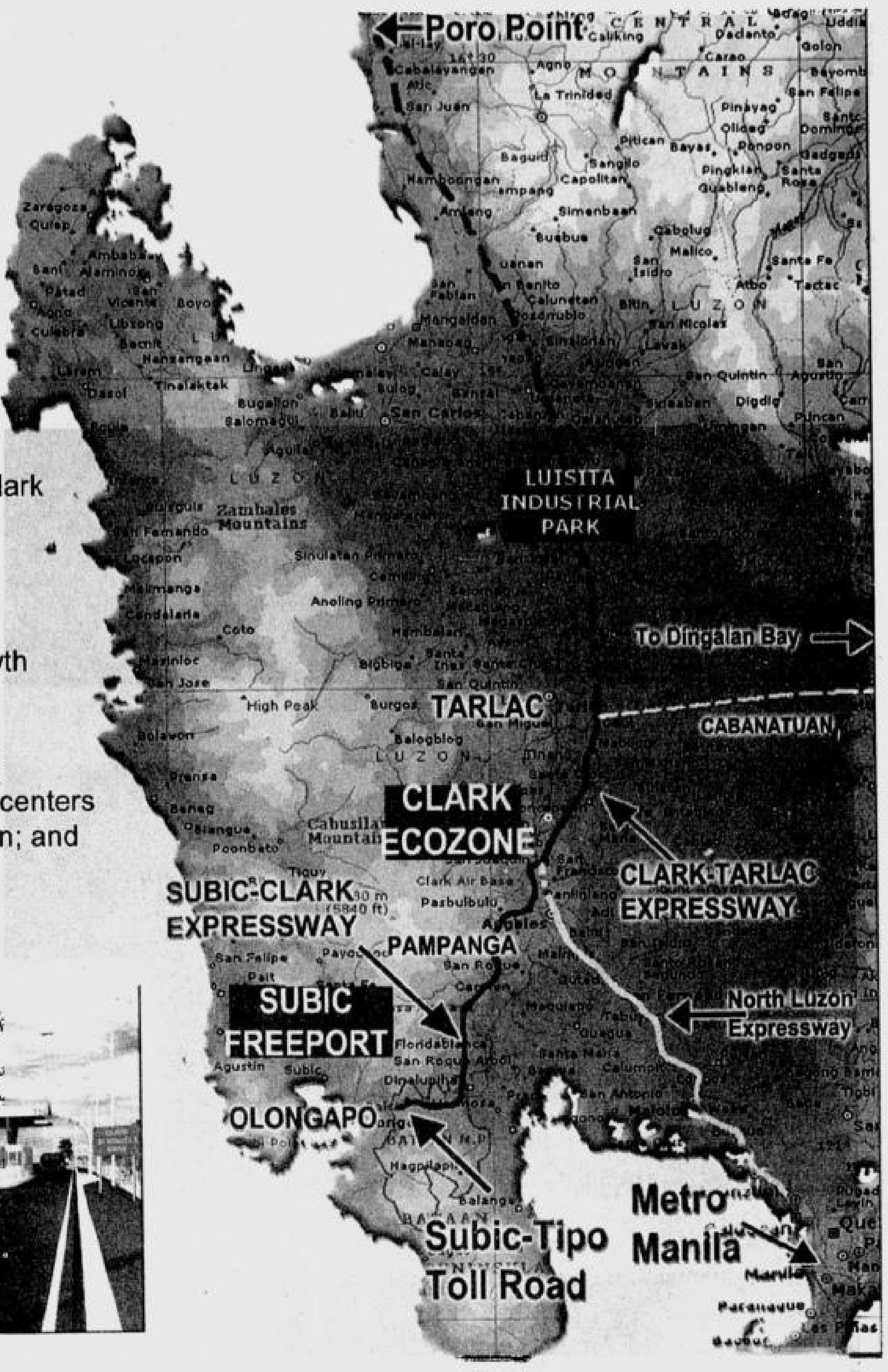
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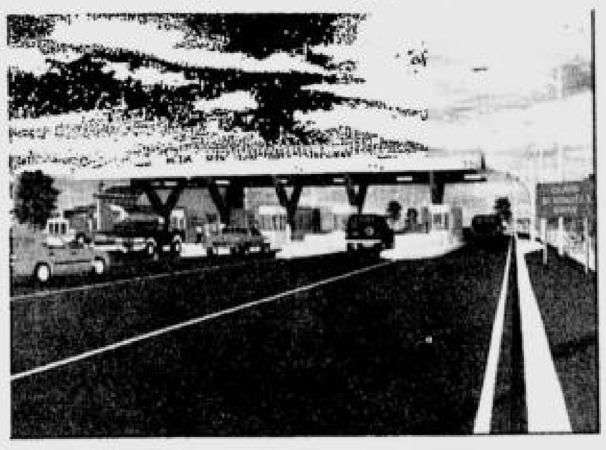

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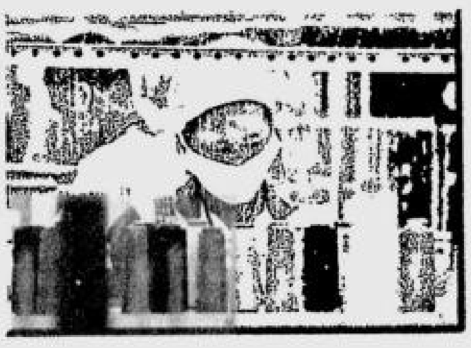

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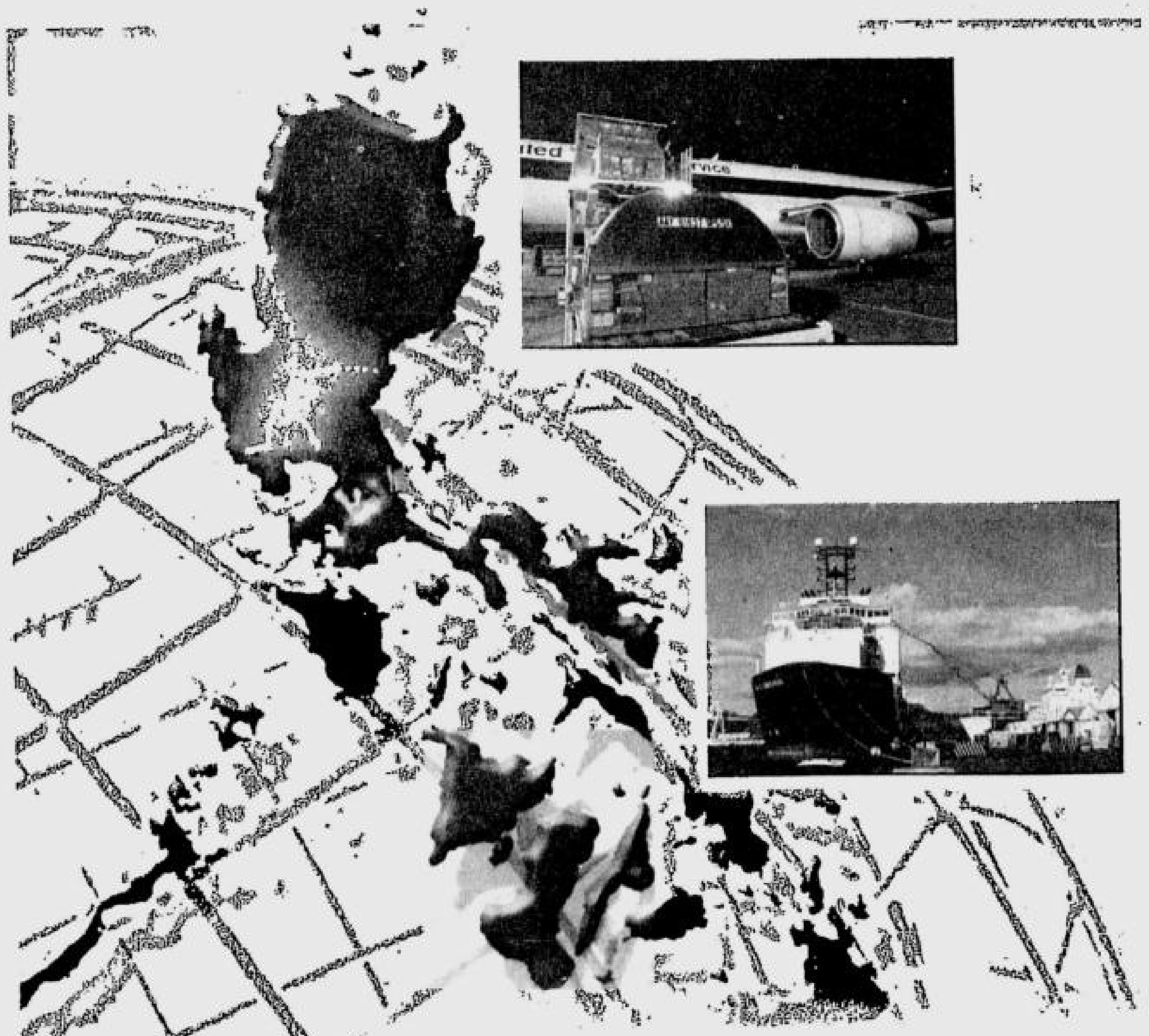

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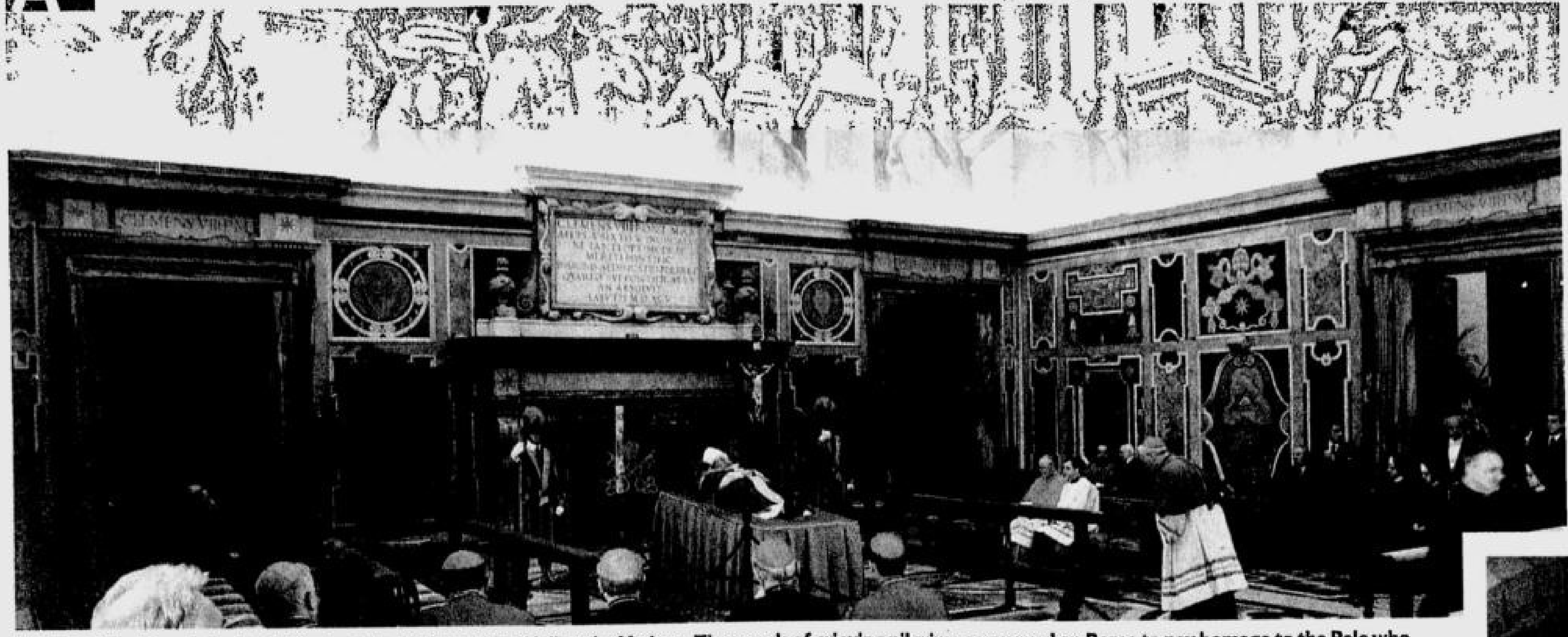

THE BODY of Pope John Paul II lies in state in Clementina Hall at the Vatican. Thousands of grieving pilgrims converged on Rome to pay homage to the Pole who helped topple communism in Europe. REUTERS

A JAPANESE prays for the Pope during a Mass at the St. Ignatius Church in Tokyo. AP

AS THE bells toll to mark the death of the Polish Pontiff, many among the faithful weep openly at the St. Peter's Square. AFP

CHINESE Catholics attend Sunday Mass at the Southern Cathedral in Beijing as word of the Pope's death spread slowly through China's capital. AP

A WOMAN cries after a Mass at the Sto. Domingo Cathedral in the Dominican Republic. AP

IN MANILA, a girl kisses a picture of the Pontiff during a special Mass at the Parish of Divine Mercy. AFP

A MALAYSIAN FATHER and his child touch the Pope's picture after a Mass in Kuala Lumpur. AP

CARMEN Contreras, a native of Mexico, reacts to the news at the Chapel of the Perpetual Adoration in downtown Los Angeles. AP

World weeps over death of 'extraordinary Pope'

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Born Karol Wojtyla, he became head of the Church in October 1978 at age 58 and set about imprinting his agenda and warm communicative style on it.

The people in the Pontiff's hometown of Wadowice, Poland, fell to their knees and wept as news of his death reached them at the end of a special Mass in the church where he had worshipped as a boy.

"His life has come to an end. Our great countryman has died," the parish priest, the Rev. Jakub Gil, told worshippers.

Traffic halted in Warsaw. At Pilsudski Square, the former Victory Square where he conducted a Mass in 1979 in then communist Poland, people laid flowers in the form of a cross.

The Pope was deeply loved in mainly Roman Catholic Poland, where his pontificate served as a source of national pride. Gratitude remains strong for his role in helping topple communism and free Poland from Soviet domination.

Jews, Muslims pay homage

In the Holy Land where Jesus walked, Jews, Muslims and Christians paid homage Saturday to Pope John Paul II's tireless efforts to embrace people of different faiths.

Though his record was not without controversy, the Pope used his frequent homilies and travels to pursue religious reconciliation. His visits to a synagogue in Rome and a mosque in Damascus, Syria, were the first by a Pontiff to Jewish and Muslim houses of worship.

Israeli Vice Premier Shimon Peres said the Pope "embodied the best that is within all mankind as well as the commonness of humanity. … His actions and statements transformed relations between the Catholic and Jewish faiths, and made a fundamental impact on the struggle against anti-Semitism. We will miss him."

Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, said "Pope John Paul II fundamentally changed 2,000 years of relations between the Church and the Jewish people."

In Cairo, Egypt, the Arab League expressed sorrow Saturday for the Pope's death, calling him a man of peace who encouraged dialogue between nations and religions.

"We will never forget his noble stance in support of the oppressed people, including the Palestinians," said Hesham Youssef, a spokesperson for the secretary general of the league.

The Pontiff, who became history's most-traveled pope, visited several Arab countries including Egypt, Lebanon and Syria during his reign.

Great moral leader

US President George W. Bush called Pope John Paul II one of "history's great moral leaders" on Saturday, leading nationwide mourning for a Pontiff remembered for both his spiritual and political influence.

"The Catholic Church has lost its shepherd, the world has lost a champion of human freedom, and a good and faithful servant of God has been called home," Bush said.

Bells tolled in churches and cathedrals across the United States as worshippers gathered for special Masses in a mood of somber and often tearful remembrance.

Nearly 65 million Catholics live in the United States, making it the country's largest denomination. The Pope visited the country at least four times.

Beacon of light

Some, who had come to their churches intending to pray for the Pope's health, wept as they learned he had died.

Former President Bill Clinton praised John Paul II as a "beacon of light" for the whole world.

"His remarkable journey from Wadowice, Poland, to the Vatican played an important role in hastening the downfall of communism. I will always treasure our five meetings in the US and the Vatican," Clinton said in a joint statement with his wife, Sen. Hillary Clinton.

Jimmy Carter, another ex-president, said the Pope's "advocacy for the poor and oppressed will prevail as a source of hope and inspiration for others to follow."

Quotes from the faithful

"I'M NOT a believer, but I came here because I believe in him as a builder of freedom," said ***Giulio La Rosa***, a 23-year-old student in Rome, who burst into tears as he stood in St. Peter's Square after the Pope's death was announced.

"Pope John Paul II was unquestionably the most influential voice for morality and peace in the world during the last 100 years. His extraordinary gifts, his strong Catholic faith, and his experience of human tyranny and suffering in his native Poland all shaped him, and yet he was respected by men and women from every conceivable background across the world. … His courage and perseverance in the face of advancing age and illness were an inspiration to millions—including me," said the ***Rev. Billy Graham.***

"He's the only pope I've known. He's been my father through difficult times. The next one may be a great man, but it won't be the same for me," said 23-year-old bakery worker ***Fabiola Quezada*** in Puerto Rico's San Juan Cathedral.

"At the forefront of the Catholic church he worked for peace, reconciliation and disarmament," said ***Swedish Prime Minister Goeran Persson.***

"For once, while the Pope was suffering, the whole world prayed together. Catholics, Jews, Muslims, the Orthodox, only he could have done it," ***Simone Bellato***, a 22-year-old student, said in St. Peter's Square. AP

Latin America

Bells tolled from churches and cathedrals throughout the Roman Catholic stronghold of Latin America as weeping worshippers lit candles and knelt in prayer.

The Pontiff was a frequent visitor to Latin America, which has more than 500 million Roman Catholics.

Thousands came to light candles and leave flowers at a statue of John Paul II outside Our Lady of Guadalupe Basilica in Mexico City. Almost all of Mexico's 106 million residents are Catholic, and the Pope visited Mexico five times.

"It was expected," a tearful Joventino Monte said of the Pope's death. "But it hurts, because he brought peace and tranquility to the entire world."

In San Jose, President Abel Pacheco announced four days of national mourning as Msgr. Angel San Casimiro, vice president of the Costa Rican Bishops Conference, declared the Pontiff had "died with his boots on."

Nicaraguan President Enrique Bolaños ordered a weeklong mourning period in which all official festivals would be canceled.

Even communist Cuba joined in with three days of mourning for the Pope, following the lead of Bolivia and Chile, where President Ricardo Lagos also ordered his country's flags flown at half-staff.

Peru declared Monday a day of mourning.

Love for the poor

"Ecuadorans remember with emotion his visit in 1985. He left on our country an unforgettable imprint of his goodness and profound love for the poor," Ecuadoran President Lucio Gutierrez said.

Bolivians recalled how John Paul II met with children, laborers, and Quechua and Aymara Indians during a 1988 trip to nine different Bolivian cities.

"Brazil feels regret over the loss of a man who, as few others have, influenced in a significant and positive way the course of modern history," Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said in a statement.

A statement from Mexican President Vicente Fox echoed that sentiment, saying "John Paul II was an exceptional man, his legacy will transcend generations."

Many leftist Latin American leaders chose to emphasize the theologically conservative Pope's commitment to social justice.

"We have always seen the Pope, and will always see him, as a friend who was concerned for the poor, who fought neo-liberalism and strove for peace," Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque said.

He said Cuban officials would always remember the Pope's January 1998 visit to Cuba when he criticized four decades of US trade sanctions against the island.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez recalled the Pontiff's opposition to the US-led war in Iraq.

Asia mourns

From the heavily Roman Catholic Philippines to smaller enclaves of the faithful in other parts of Asia, millions mourned the death of the Pope, warmly recalling him on Sunday as an emissary of peace and hope.

The faithful gathered for vigils in communist Vietnam and largely Buddhist Thailand and appreciation of the Pope's efforts at reconciliation among religions flowed from Muslim leaders.

China's state media announced the Pope's death as Catholics there, forbidden by the Communist Party from recognizing the Holy See, sent a commemorative telegram to the Vatican.

"Today we all prayed for him," said one of the ushers at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius in Shanghai.

In the Philippines, Asia's largest Catholic country, people affectionately remembered a pope who visited twice and inspired a return to democracy when huge protests swelled to chase out dictator Ferdinand Marcos in 1986. *(See related story on Page A1.)*

Praise came from heads of state, regardless of their faith.

Tolerance

"He was not only a great moral and religious figure but he was also a very significant political figure in the best sense of that term," Australian Prime Minister John Howard, brought up in a Methodist household, said on radio.

In Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, photos of the Pope graced the front page of almost every newspaper.

"We know him as someone who has great tolerance, freedom and strong support for efforts to bolster harmony and tolerance among religions," President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said.

Hasyim Muzadi, the head of Indonesia's biggest Muslim group, expressed sorrow at the loss of a man who paid "strong attention to human problems regardless of religion, race and ethnicity."

On Nias, a northeastern Indonesian island devastated by an earthquake last week, the misery was acute for Christians.

"This worsens the situation for us," said Pastor Mikael To'pr of the Santa Maria church. "We have lost our leader."

Pope's visit recalled

The people of East Timor, who won independence in 1999 after Indonesia's invasion 24 years earlier, were thinking about the Pope's visit in 1989 as they grieved.

"With the majority of us being Catholic, the Pope's death is felt very much," said Nelson Santos, the foreign ministry's secretary general.

"By the way he endured daily physical suffering and soldiered on regardless," Singapore's prime minister, Lee Hsien Loong, said in a letter to the Vatican, "he inspired Catholics and non-Catholics alike."

Others recalled a Pope who had touched their hearts.

At the Calcutta headquarters of the Missionaries of Charity founded by Mother Teresa, who was put on the path to sainthood by the Pope in 2003, nuns prayed before a portrait of the Pope.

George Mondal, raised in one of the order's orphanages, was drawn to John Paul II when he visited the Indian city in 1995. *Reports from AFP and Reuters*

'The angels welcome you'

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billion Roman Catholics was staring at his window which looked out over the crowds in St. Peter's Square, Cielecki said.

Sometime after, upon formally verifying the death—which in the past was done by tapping a pope's forehead three times with a silver hammer—the Vatican chamberlain made one more gesture to signify the end of a 26-year papacy:

He destroyed the symbols of John Paul's authority: his fisherman's ring and dies used to make lead seals for apostolic letters.

"The angels welcome you," Vatican TV said after the Holy See announced the death of the man who helped topple communism in Europe and left a deeply conservative stamp on the Church. He was 84.

Officials said the Italian government was expecting 2 million pilgrims to attend the funeral.

"The Holy Father, John Paul II, died at 9:37 p.m. (3:37 a.m., Sunday, Manila time) in his private apartment," the Vatican statement said. It was distributed to journalists via e-mail.

For whom the bell tolls

John Paul expired as cardinals were leading some 70,000 people at St. Peter's Square in prayers for him in his "last journey."

The great bell of St. Peter's began to toll over the oval plaza , its muffled peal bringing home the reality that John Paul's reign had ended.

Italian and European Union flags were lowered to half-staff across the capital.

"Our beloved Holy Father John Paul has returned to the house of the Father," said Archbishop Leonardo Sandri, announcing the death to the huge crowd who had massed under the Pontiff's windows to pray for a miracle.

The crowd seemed stunned. There was no commotion, no wailing. Just a deep sadness, quiet weeping and murmured prayers as the crowd took in the news.

Minutes later, a wave of applause rippled through the square, in an Italian sign of respect for the dead. Many—young and old—wept.

A group of youths started singing, "Hallelujah, he will rise again," while one strummed a guitar.

Later, pilgrims joined in singing the "Ave Maria."

Prelates invited the faithful in the square to keep silent so they might "accompany the Pope in his first steps into heaven."

As the prayer service ended, people clapped for more than five minutes and chanted the Pope's name in Italian, "Giovanni Paolo! Giovanni Paolo!"

After midnight, the crowd again broke into applause, and a cleric leading the faithful in prayers chanted, "Viva il Papa!"—or "Long live the Pope!"

The Pope died in his bed surrounded by the only family he had—his closest Polish aides.

As the news spread through Rome, thousands of faithful streamed to the Vatican to join those already there, paying homage to a man who revolutionized his office and took his rigorous message far beyond the confines of the Vatican.

Around 130,000 people packed into St. Peter's Square within two hours of his death, necks craned toward the lighted windows of the Pope's apartments where John Paul had just died.

As day broke over the Polish Pope's adopted twin cities—Rome and the Vatican—the flow of pilgrims from afar began arriving in a tribute to a Pontiff who had travelled the equivalent of 30 times the circumference of the earth.

Before John Paul died, the Vatican celebrated a Mass for him and he received the sacrament for the sick and dying for the second time this week.

The Vatican said a Mass for the Sunday feast of Divine Mercy was celebrated by his faithful private secretary, Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz, Ukrainian Cardinal Marian Jaworski and two Polish prelates.

At the moment of his death, he was surrounded by five Polish prelates and four Polish nuns who had been looking after him for much of his papacy.

Three Italian doctors and two nurses were also there.

The Il Secolo XIX newspaper of Genoa reported that the Pope, with the help of his private secretary, had written a note to his aides urging them not to weep for him.

"I am happy, and you should be as well," the note reportedly said. "Let us pray together with joy."

Body on display

John Paul II's body was displayed at the Vatican's Apostolic Palace on Sunday, giving a mourning world its first glimpse of him since his death.

The expression on his face appeared peaceful but pained. He was clad in crimson vestments, and his head was covered with a white bishop's miter.

A rosary was placed in his folded hands. His pastoral staff was tucked under his left arm.

The body will be transferred from the Clementine Hall in the Apostolic Palace on Monday for public viewing in St. Peter's Basilica.

John Paul's funeral will be held within four to six days. The Vatican has declined to say whether he left instructions for his funeral or burial.

AP, AFP, Reuters

Papal death certificate

VATICAN—Pope John Paul II died of septic shock and an irreversible cardio-circulatory collapse, the Vatican announced, releasing the official death certificate.

The confirmation of the death was made through a heart monitoring machine, and he was declared dead after more than 20 minutes of monitoring his heart, the document said.

"I declare that the causes of death according to my science and my conscience are those that are indicated above," said Dr. Renato Buzzonetti, the Pope's personal physician, in his signing of the certificate.

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Nevertheless, the process is underway, triggered automatically by the death Saturday of the conservative 84-year-old Pope John Paul II.

No doubt the impending election will be on their minds when cardinals hold their first congregation Monday to begin planning the Pontiff's funeral.

However, the conclave at which cardinals choose a successor must not start until at least two weeks after a pope's death, but no later than 20 days.

One of the few to have talked about the succession, Cardinal Francis George of the Chicago archdiocese, urged the next pope not to make radical changes.

"People think things are up for grabs that aren't up for grabs," he told a press conference.

However, he admitted, "we may need a different kind of pope."

In a possible indication of his thinking, he said that although there were good reasons to elect a pope from Africa, Asia or Latin America, he would have to be "acceptable to the Romans. He should speak Italian."

Some Vatican insiders think cardinals will likely return to a safe Italian candidate—John Paul II was the first non-Italian pontiff in 455 years.

"I don't think the college of electors will risk electing a foreigner. The Italians are the inner circle," one said under cover of anonymity.

In that case, the front-runner could be Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi who, as archbishop of Milan, oversees the most populous diocese in Europe. Aged 71, he is seen as an intellectual, a pastor and someone who would have new ideas.

Another Italian possible is Angelo Scola, patriarch or archbishop of Venice who, at 63, counts as one of the Church's younger set.

A moderate, he is thought likely to have the backing of Opus Dei, a highly conservative grouping which has several European and Latin American cardinals among its supporters.

Away from Italy, potential candidates are Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga, the 62-year-old Honduran cardinal who has campaigned against poverty; Claudio Hummes, archbishop of Sao Paulo, and Dario Castrillon Hoyos of Colombia.

Ivan Dias, the 69-year-old archbishop of Bombay, carries the best hopes of the Indian sub-continent.

Nigeria's Francis Arinze is regarded by many as the best non-Italian bet. A conservative, he would become the second African pope after Gelasius I in the late 5th century.

Factors that may influence the cardinals range from policy—conservative or liberal, bridge-builder or doctrinaire—to the mundane, such as whether someone might be a good bureaucrat running the huge Vatican machinery but less gifted as a pastor in the field.

Another element is age. Will they go for someone young to drive the Church forward for the foreseeable future at a time of declining belief in God?

A poll Sunday in the daily Le Parisien found 53 percent of French people in favor of a "more progressive" pope than John Paul II, while 27 percent wanted continuity and only 13 percent a more traditional successor.

Don't expect any public jockeying by the cardinals, however.

Rules say they must abstain under pain of excommunication from any form of agreement or promise that would influence their vote, and they are not allowed to vote for themselves.

The next pope will be elected in a secret conclave—a meeting held under lock and key—by up to 120 cardinals under the age of 80.

There are at present 117 cardinals under 80, and of these nearly 100 have been appointed by John Paul II and are likely, according to Vatican watchers, to reflect his conservative views in the choice of successor.

Although the prelates can in theory elect any baptized male—Gregory XVI in 1831 was a priest and Cardinal Alfonso Borgia was a layman before becoming Pope Callistus III in 1455—the next pope is virtually certain to come from among the ranks of cardinals.

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Of murdered popes, and saints

VATICAN CITY—Since the beginning of Christianity, some 264 popes have presided over the church's fortunes, from Simon Peter of Galilee to Pope John Paul II.

In fact the list of popes contains only 262 names because one pontiff, Benedict IX, reigned three times between 1032 and 1048. He was first deposed in 1045, recovering the throne briefly before abdicating the same year, and returned again in 1047 before being finally removed a year later.

The early popes had little security of office. Seven popes prior to Benedict IX had been deposed.

Six were murdered, two died of wounds sustained in rioting, and one died when a ceiling fell on him. Four died in exile and one in prison.

Two died from culinary misadventure: Paul II in 1471 after eating two huge melons, Clement XIV in 1774 of indigestion.

A total of 85 popes were sanctified.

The shortest pontificate was that of Urban VII (1590), lasting 13 days. The longest was that of Simon Peter, estimated at 34 years.

The average length of a pontificate is eight years.

The tradition of adopting a new name on acceding to the papacy goes back to Gregory V in 996.

The most popular papal names are John (23 popes), Gregory (16), Benedict (15), Clement (14), Leon and Innocent (13) and Pius (12). The name Peter had been reserved for the first pope.

Of the 262 popes, 210 have been Italian.

The papacy was a family affair for the counts of Tuscolo, who supplied three popes, the Medicis (three) and the Borgias (two).

Legend has it that a woman reigned as Pope Joan in the ninth century.

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Pope not women-friendly, say activists

POPE John Paul II won a reputation as a crusader for human rights during his long papacy, but reform-minded Catholic women think he left out half of humanity along the way.

The Polish Pontiff was a staunch defender of traditional Church policies on women, refusing to consider ordaining them priests or approving contraception, condoms or abortion.

At times, his and his conservative advisers even tried to roll back reforms from the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) that gave women a more active role in the liturgy and allowed altar girls to serve Mass.

Liberal women are a minority in the Church, mostly educated westerners far outnumbered by their more traditional sisters in the Third World, but they rank among the Pope's staunchest critics on issues that pit the Church against the modern world.

Their discontent points to a wider issue challenging the Church—will Catholic women continue to accept a lesser status in their religion now after many barriers to equality have tumbled in school, work and the home?

"He will go down in history as a Pope who didn't understand and who wasn't friendly to women," Frances Kissling, president of the liberal Washington D.C.-based activist group Catholics for a Free Choice, said of John Paul.

"He couldn't have slammed the door shut more loudly on the question of the ordination of women. He will go down as a fifth-century pope in terms of who women are."

The Vatican reaped criticism and scorn from women in 2004 for issuing a long-awaited document on men and women that charged that feminists were "adversaries of men" who undermined families and paved the way for acceptance of gay marriage.

"That letter could easily have been written by an imam of al-Azhar," said former European Commissioner Emma Bonino, referring to Sunni Islam's top university in Cairo.

A fervent follower of the Virgin Mary, the Pope argued that his stand actually honored women by underlining the dignity of their God-given "separate but equal" role in the Church.

Many Catholic women had no problem with this and felt only a small minority, mostly older women influenced by feminist movements a generation ago, was pressing for sweeping change. *Reuters*

DURING his 26-year pontificate, the most-traveled Pope met with many world leaders and movers, including Mother Teresa of Calcutta ... REUTERS

... Cuban President Fidel Castro at the Havana University in Cuba in 1998 ... AP

... and Palestinian President Yasser Arafat in the Dehaishe refugee camp's United Nations school in 2000. REUTERS

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pictures of the Pope on its marches, survived the imposition of martial law in 1981 and eventually forced the communist authorities to agree to partially free elections in 1989, which it won overwhelmingly.

His other legacies included:

- Unprecedented reconciliation between Jews and the Catholic Church, crowned by the establishment of diplomatic ties with Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organization, and a millennium pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

John Paul II, a Pole who lived through World War II, was the first pope to visit the Auschwitz concentration camp in 1979. His visit to a Rome synagogue in 1983 was the first by a pope since the time of St. Peter almost 2,000 years ago.

Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said the Pope did "more than anyone else to bring about the historic change in the attitude of the Church toward the Jewish people ... and to dress the gaping wounds that festered over many bitter centuries."

The Pope's pilgrimage in 2000 brought about the most sweeping changes in the relationship. During his trip he placed a note in a crevice of Judaism's holy Western Wall, where Jewish tradition says messages go straight to God.

The gesture won the hearts of the Israeli public, although a similar apology made earlier at Israel's national memorial to the six million Jews killed by the Nazis in World War II dashed hopes that the Pope would refer specifically to the Holocaust.

- Improved relations between the 1.1 billion-strong Catholic Church and the world's 1.2 billion Muslims.

Islamic clerics, theologians and many ordinary Muslims say Pope John Paul II launched a new era in relations between the Muslim and Christian worlds.

They say his travels to more than 20 Islamic countries, his efforts to promote dialogue, his calls for peace in the Holy Land, and his strong opposition to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq endeared him to many Muslims.

For some, the Pope's efforts helped avert a "clash of civilizations" that many feared would erupt after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks by Muslim militants on the United States.

"The Pope repeatedly expressed respect for Islam ... and always made a sharp distinction between Islam as a great religion, culture and civilization, and terrorist groups that act for political motivations," Mario Scialoja, head of Italy's Muslim community, said.

> During the communist clampdown in the 1980s, the Pope kept alive a faith that liberty would eventually come

Improving relations with Muslims did not seem to be a priority of the Pope at the start of his papacy.

A milestone was passed in 1986 when the Pope invited Muslims and adherents of other faiths to Assisi to pray together for world peace. In May 2001 he became the first pontiff to make an official visit to a mosque.

- John Paul II's active diplomacy succeeded in defusing tensions between Argentina and Chile in the 1980s, bringing the two predominantly Roman Catholic nations back from the brink of war.

But he had no such influence in such conflicts as Bosnia and Iraq, when his pleas against military attack went unheeded.

- He made promoting Christian unity so central to his papacy that he once offered to reform the way the Roman Catholic Church is governed if that would help heal centuries-old splits.

His reign saw some progress toward the vision he set out in the 1995 encyclical Ut Unim Sint (That They May Be One). But the progress was limited, and not enough to prompt him to make any changes at the Vatican.

The Pope's most dramatic gesture, the 1986 Assisi Prayer for Peace meeting with leaders of other world religions, showed him at his most open and welcoming toward other faiths.

But his Vatican has also put off Protestants with what critics call a "Catholic superiority complex."

Several Protestant churches took offense at a 2000 Vatican document, "Dominus Iesus" (Lord Jesus), that stated the Catholic Church was the one true church and others were "not churches in the proper sense." The Vatican had tried to reassure them it was not meant as an affront, but some trust was lost.

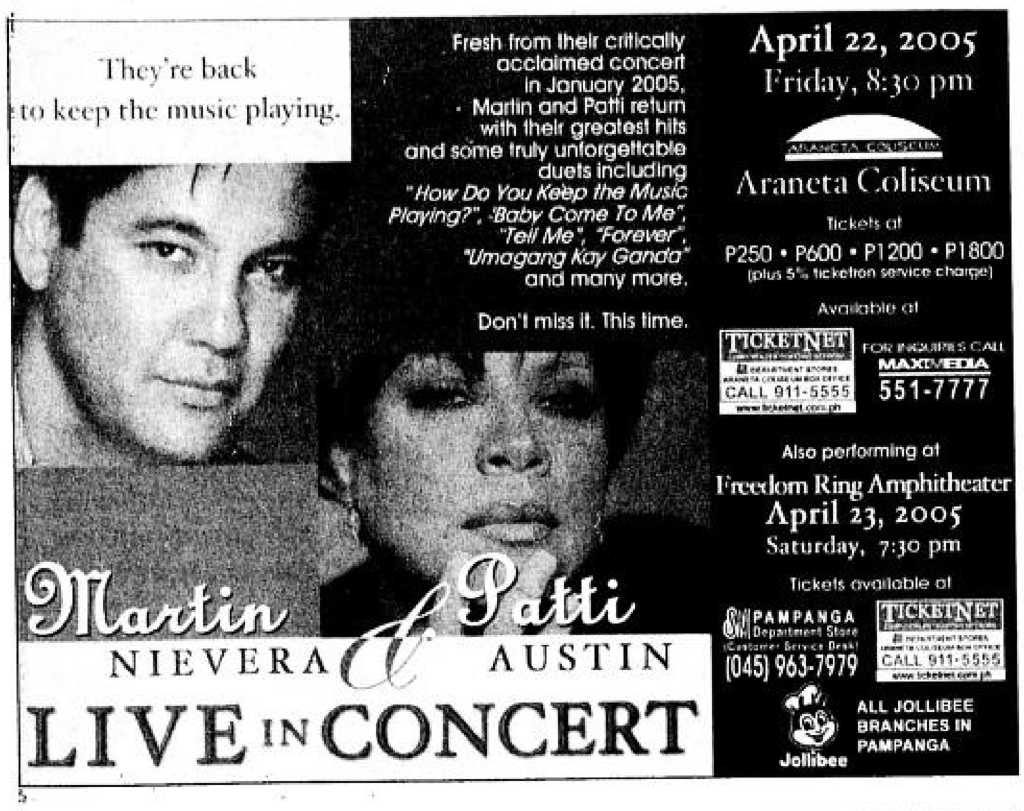
In a 2003 encyclical, the Pope told the world's Catholics not to share communion with Protestants because of theological differences.

- Projected serenity in the face of death, highlighting the message fundamental to Christianity that to die in this world is only the start of eternal life in the next.

The slow decline and ultimate death of Pope John Paul II was a very public way of dying that bore a powerful and universal message of serenity in the face of mortality.

Suffering—but finding relief through faith—had been a constant theme of the latter years of his 26-year pontificate, and it was no coincidence that it was picked up by world leaders and pilgrims alike in responding to news of his death.

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, paying tribute to the 84-year-old Pontiff, said everyone was grateful for his "tireless work and suffering." *Reports from Reuters and AFP*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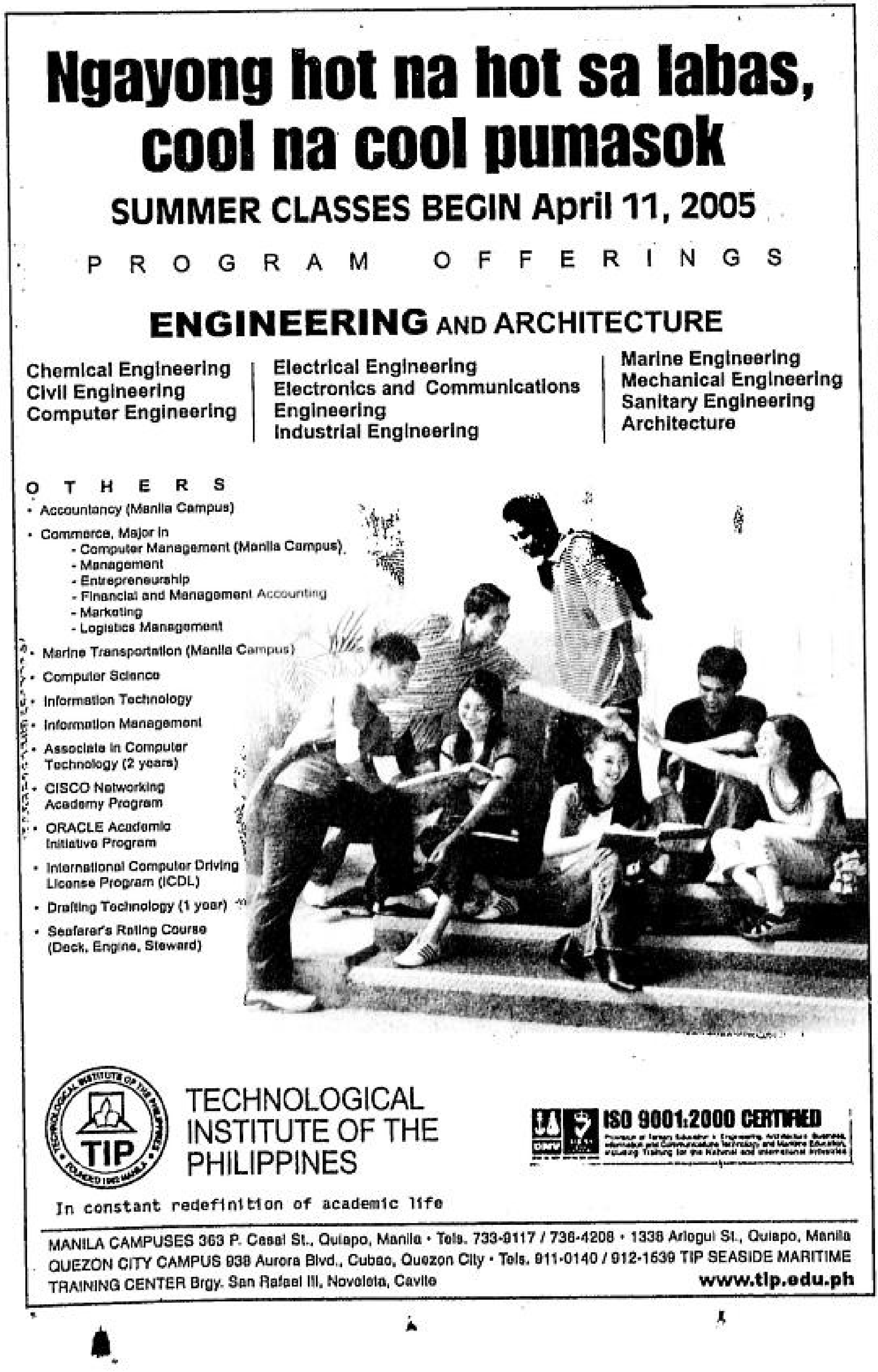
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Quezon City bucks 4-day workweek

By DJ Yap

IT IS still a Monday to Friday workweek starting today in Quezon City.

The city counted itself among those not keen on implementing the four-day workweek scheme being pushed by Malacañang.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. issued a memorandum on Thursday telling the departments of the city government to maintain their normal weekly schedule.

His reason: A four-day workweek will only be inconvenient to the public. Besides, the city is cost-efficient enough, as it is, according to the mayor.

Last week, President Macapagal-Arroyo signed Administrative Order 117 encouraging, but not requiring, local governments to adopt a four-day work schedule. All national government agencies, except police, fire and other emergency offices, are covered by the order.

In his memo, Belmonte quoted the administrative order as stating that the change in schedule should be done "without jeopardizing the delivery of public service."

In an interview, the mayor said the four-day workweek scheme could adversely affect the delivery of public services in the city.

He added, productivity could suffer because not all city employees might be able to work from 7:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

"The city will just end up losing one day of the week," Belmonte said.

In this case, the public would suffer the costs, and the scheme would not be effective in saving money in the long run, he said.

Quezon City is already one of most cost-efficient cities in Metro Manila, anyway, the mayor said.

Earlier, at least six other Metro Manila mayors said they were not inclined to support the four-day workweek.

Traffic fines find beneficial use

By Jocelyn R. Uy

FROM the bad can come some good.

In Muntinlupa City, collections from traffic fines are being used to augment basic services to the poor through education and infrastructure.

According to a report by the city's Traffic Environment and Discipline office, some P1.4 million, or roughly P76,000 a day, were collected from 5,516 traffic violators during the period Feb. 22 to March 21.

Of that number, 2,176 were cited for obstruction; 1,394 were for not wearing helmets while driving motorbikes; 974 for violating the closed door policy; 609 for loading or unloading violations; 191 for disregarding traffic signs and the truck ban; and 172 for illegal parking.

Most of the violations were committed in the Alabang area, one of the busiest districts in the city.

About 500,000 motorists ply Alabang daily.

Justice system to be taught in high school

By Tarra V. Quismundo

BESIDES getting acquainted with scientists, scholars, and mathematical equations, incoming public high school freshmen will have to encounter five more subjects come June.

These will be the five pillars of the criminal justice system, namely the community, law enforcement, prosecution, judiciary, and correctional institutions.

"Concepts of the criminal justice system must be taught to students so that they will become responsible adults armed with knowledge and having full respect for the rule of law," said Imelda Roces, executive officer and vice chair of the National Police Commission (Napolcom).

In a statement, the Napolcom said the justice system would be integrated into the curriculum as part of Makabayan, the social studies subject in public secondary schools.

The program seeks to underline the value of community involvement in crime prevention, said Roces.

The Napolcom, which acts as the policy-making body of the Philippine National Police, decided to push through with the project following the success of teaching demonstrations by Napolcom-trained teachers in Metro Manila schools last month.

Auto center manager killed over parking

By DJ Yap

AN ARGUMENT over parking space turned bloody before dawn Saturday, leaving a man dead, and another critically wounded in Quezon City.

Patrick James Guachingco, 29, manager of an automotive service center, got into a spat with suspect Jay Orlando Guadaña over parking space on 3rd Street near Commonwealth at about 2:00 a.m., police said.

Shot in chest

According to police, Guadaña went inside his house in the middle of the verbal exchange, came back with a handgun, and shot Guachingco in the left chest.

The suspect fled immediately with the weapon, according to the police report.

The bullet exited through Guachingco's back and hit Jason Platon, 23, who was standing behind him, police said.

Guachingco died on the spot, while Platon was last reported in critical condition at the East Avenue Medical Center.

Meanwhile, an argument over stolen electrical wire led to the deaths of two men Saturday night in Libis, also in Quezon City.

Electrician Danilo Barroga, 43, and jobless Rogelio Awayan, 43, were stabbed dead by suspects Rogelio Ostia, 45; Romeo Pareña, 21, and Rico Brillo, 28, according to a police report.

Barroga confronted Ostia about an electrical wire that was stolen from him, when suddenly Pareña and Brillo punched him, causing him to fall on the pavement, police said.

One of the suspects then pulled out a knife and stabbed Barroga repeatedly, police said.

When Awayan tried to help Barroga, the suspects then turned to him, also stabbing him repeatedly, police said.

The victims were rushed to the Quirino Memorial Medical Center, but were declared dead on arrival.

Responding policemen quickly collared the suspects, who are in police custody.

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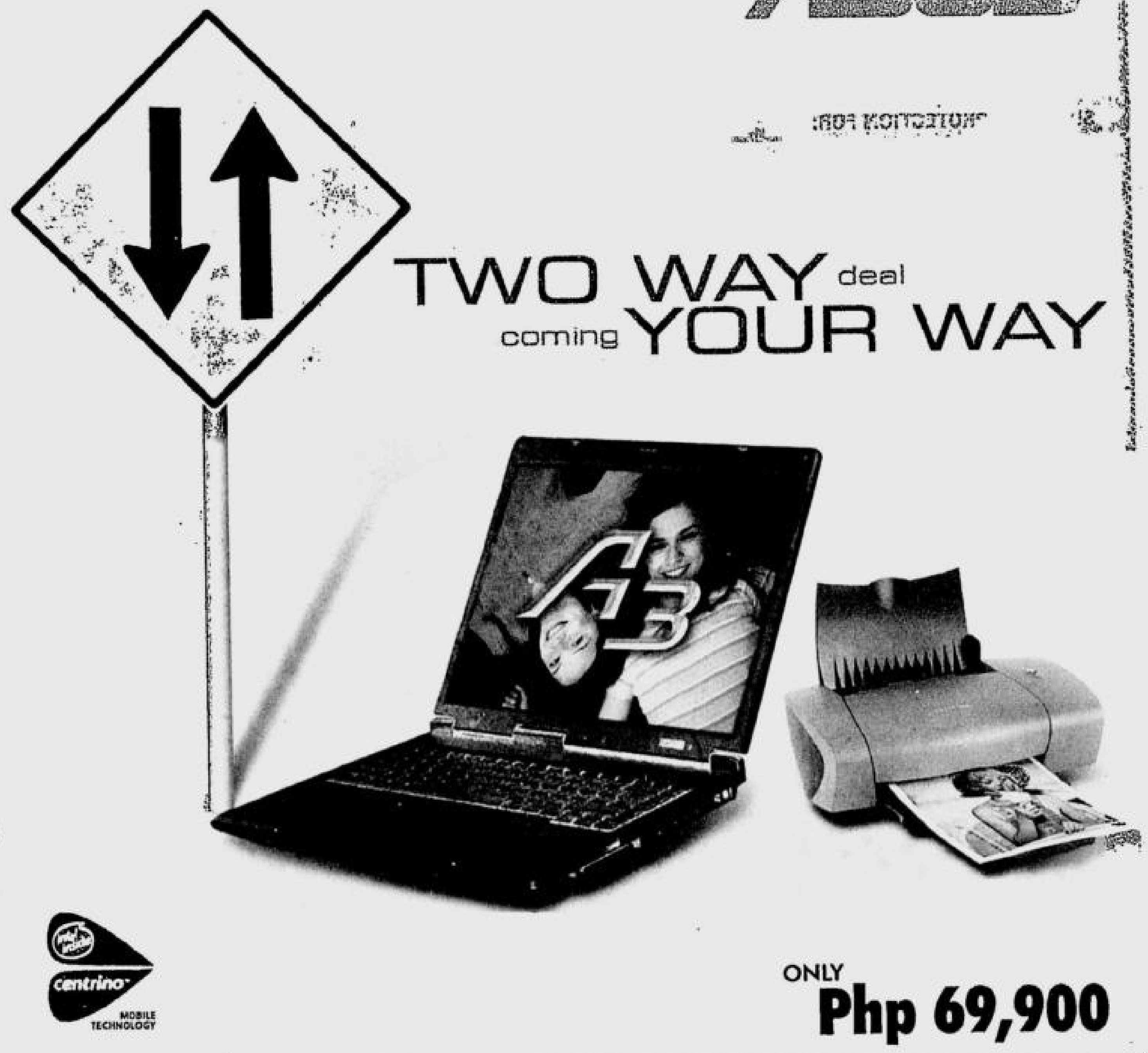

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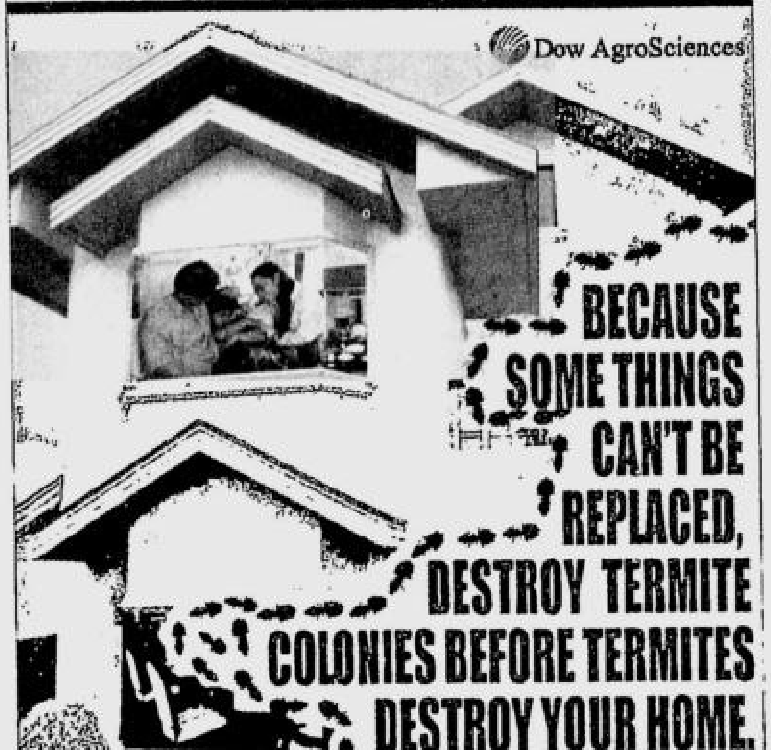
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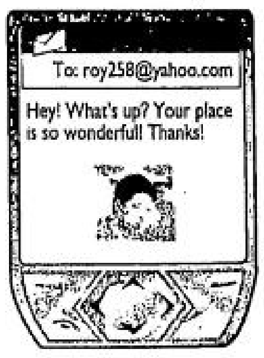
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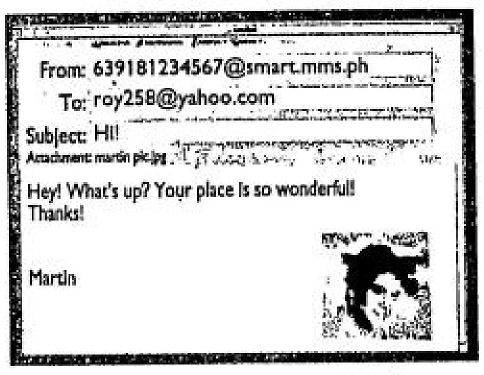
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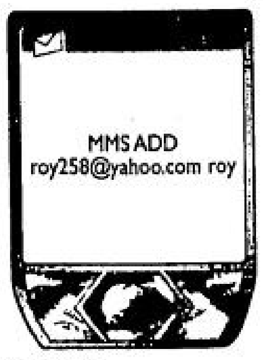
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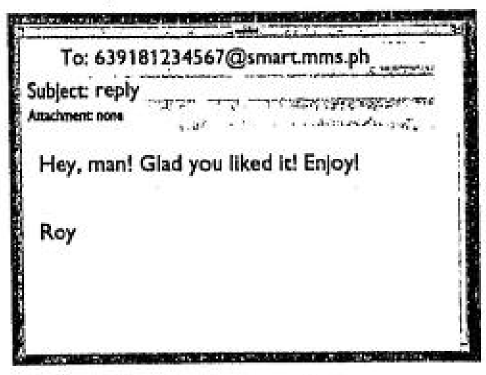
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Import-less Coca-Cola rips TNT

By June Navarro

COCA-COLA was better off without an import last night.

With Bakari Hendrix sidelined by an injured knee, the Tigers turned to their local crew who responded by crushing the Talk 'N Text Phone Pals, 102-82, last night in the 2005 Gran Matador PBA Fiesta Conference at the Araneta Coliseum.

Hendrix strained a ligament in his right knee during the second quarter of the Tigers' setback against the Shell Turbochargers last week. Ironically, Hendrix had 42 points in that game.

But his absence hardly mattered against the Phone Pals as John Arigo, Ali Peek, Rafi Reavis and Johnny Abarrientos pooled their resources to get the Tigers out of a four-game losing rut.

"From now on, we will play with an all-Filipino lineup," joked Coca-Cola coach Eric Altamirano, who averted what could have been his worst start in a conference as a PBA coach.

"Kidding aside, we have yet to determine the extent of the damage on Hendrix's knee. But as a safety precaution, we placed him on the injured list and tapped a new import."

GAME WEDNESDAY (*Araneta Coliseum*)
4:45 p.m.—Shell vs Red Bull Barako
7:35 p.m.—Sta. Lucia Realty vs Barangay Ginebra

The Tigers will bring in seven-footer Darrell Johns, who had previous stints in China and in the National Basketball Development League. Johns is expected to arrive Tuesday night.

In the second game, Alaska notched its second victory in six outings with a 76-66 triumph over Purefoods.

Former Chicago Bulls stalwart Dickie Simpkins had 25 points, 14 rebounds, five blocks and four assists as the Aces dealt the Hotdogs their second defeat in six assignments.

The Tigers chalked up their second win in six games while sending the Phone Pals to a three-way tie with Red Bull Barako and Barangay Ginebra at 3-2.

Peek finished with 27 points, Arigo added 17 and Abarrientos had 12 for the Tigers, who outscored the Phone Pals, 27-11, in the second period and maintained the lead for good.

"Coming into this game, we never really expected to win," said Altamirano. "But the players took it upon themselves and overcame the odds."

The last team to win a game without an import was Red Bull, when the Barako upset the Purefoods TJ Hotdogs in overtime during the Fiesta Cup eliminations last year.

The Phone Pals' worst defeat under coach Joel Banal was also a 101-81 rout by the Tigers in the 2003 Reinforced Conference semifinals.

Noel Felix tossed in 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Phone Pals after his predicted match-up with Yakima Sun Kings' scoring partner Hendrix fizzled out.

The scores:

First Game

COCA-COLA 102—Peek 27, Reavis 18, Arigo 17, Abarrientos 12, Antonio 11, Singson 9, Ramos 2, Chia 2, Bacani 2, Julnio 2.

TALK 'N TEXT 82—Felix 19, Miller 13, Pablo 11, Telan 9, Carey 8, Alapag 8, Camaso 7, Ravena 3, Belano 2, De Ocampo 2, Gelig 0, Fran 0.

Quarters: 33-23, 60-34, 80-56, 102-82

Second Game

ALASKA 76—Simpkins 25, Carlaso 13, Hugnatan 11, Cortez 11, Allado 10, Hawkins 2, Wilson 2, Cablay 2, Thoss 0, Tejada 0.

PUREFOODS 66—Yap 17, Smith 12, Limpot 10, Yee 7, Evangelista 6, Castillo 5, Raymundo 4, Espinosa 3, Simon 2, Laure 0.

Quarters: 20-20, 39-28, 54-53, 76-66.

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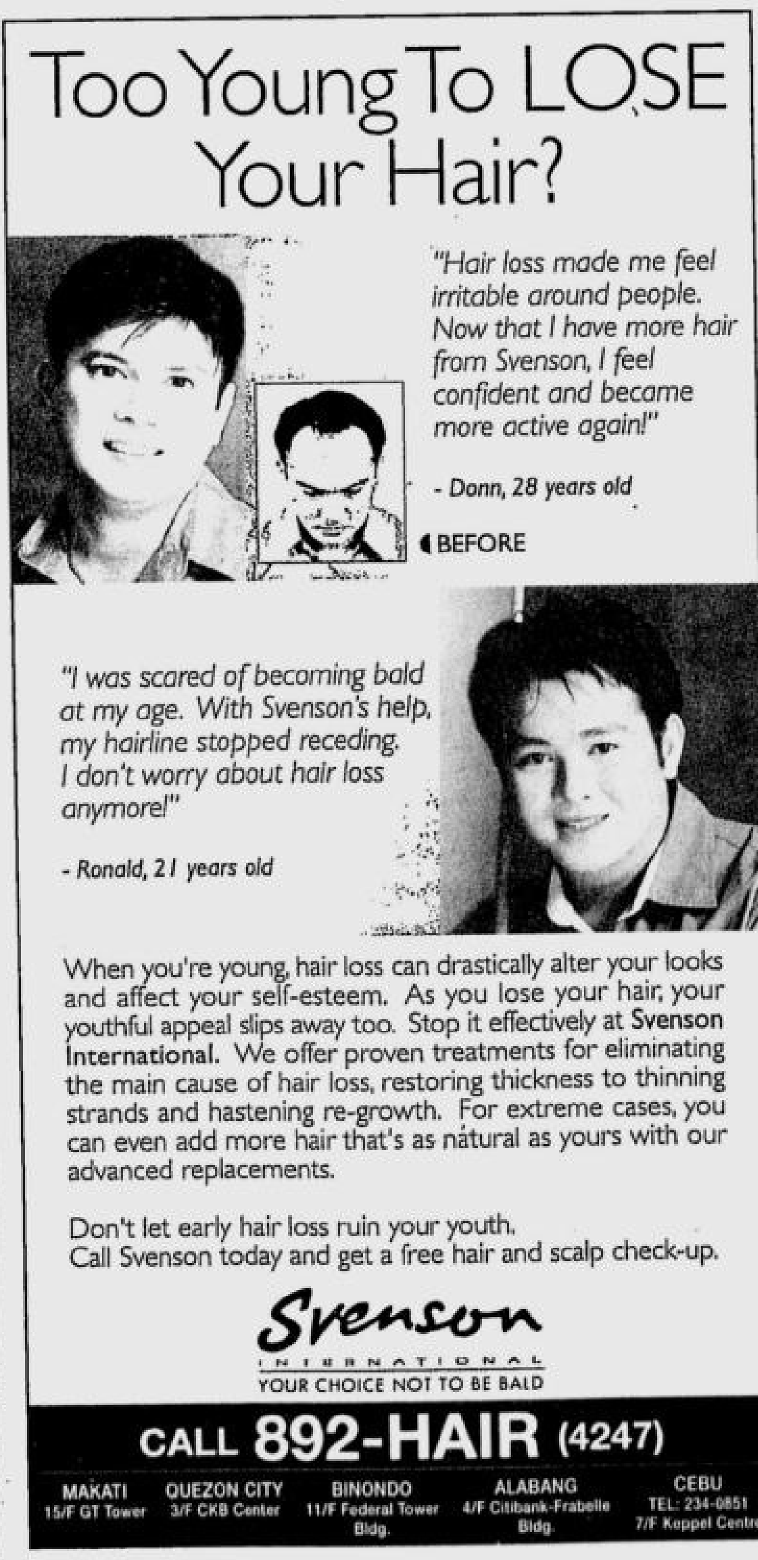

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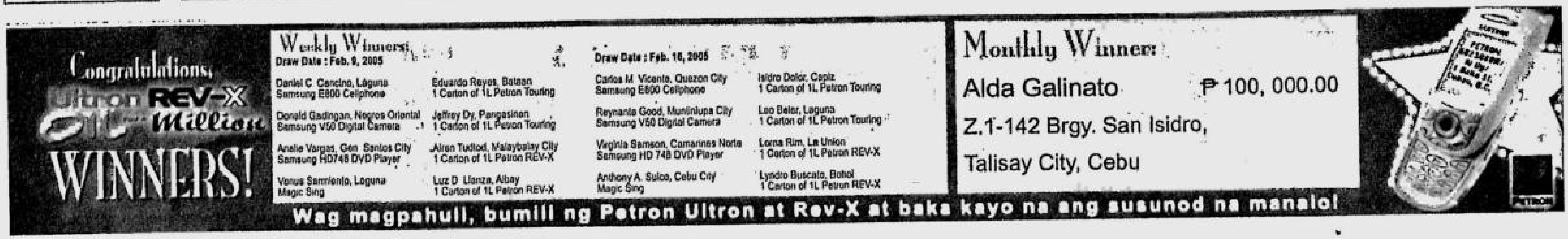

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Southwoods boosts Ladies Fed League bid

STANDINGS (win-draw-loss)

Group I: Orchard 5-0-1, Tagaytay Highlands 3-0-3, Riviera 2-0-3, Manila Golf 1-0-4

Group II: Southwoods 3-1-1, Sta. Elena 3-1-0, Forest Hills 1-0-3, Valley 0-0-4

MANILA Southwoods crushed sister team Forest Hills, 2.5-1.5, to move within a win of a semifinal seat at the resumption of the inaugural Ladies Federation Golf League matches recently.

Claire Ong and Marissa Sison eked out a rousing 8-and-7 rout of Nelda Roguel and Cora Sy in the high-low match to highlight the victory of Southwoods, which picked up its third win in Group I.

Southwoods battles Sta. Elena in a crucial outing this Wednesday with the winner clinching a semis berth outright.

The Heidi Schettkat-Florence Okiyama pair won the alternate shot play while Linda Wang and Lanfen Hsieh squeezed out a draw in aggregate play as Southwoods slapped Valley a third straight loss.

Early qualifier Orchard rebounded from a stunning loss to Tagaytay Highlands with a 2-1 conquest of Riviera to close out its elimination schedule with a fifth win in the eight-team, four-month series sponsored by Prudential Bank, Justine Sebastian/Cathay Land Inc., Citibank NA and Schering Plough-Coppertone.

The tandems of Finina Gorres-Valerie Kerr (alternate shot) and Helen Kim-Greely Oposa (high-low) secured the win for Orchard by winning their matches, making up for the loss suffered by Jo Barredo-Minja Ivanovic to Riviera's Cyna Rodriguez-Berna Jalosjos in aggregate.

Orchard, which saw its four-match streak halted by Highlands two weeks ago, will be joined either by Highlands or Riviera which will have Manila Golf as its final assignment.

TAIWANESE Yung Jan Chan (left) and Kuwaiti Abdullha Magdas show different reactions on the way to winning their respective divisions.

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Kuwaiti tops Lancer tilt

Gritty Chan rallies to prevail in all-Taiwanese girls' final

By Musong R. Castillo

HOLDING himself together in the stifling summer heat, Kuwaiti Abdullah Magdas conquered Martin Sayer, 6-4, 6-3, yesterday in the finals of the 16th Mitsubishi Lancer International junior tennis championships.

With the Rizal Memorial center court a veritable oven, Magdas rallied from 2-4 in the first set and then won the second frame that was played in streaks for his first international title of the year.

"The weather was too warm, but I came out fighting," said Magdas, the sixth seed who started the tournament ranked 53rd in the world. "I play well in such conditions."

The win was worth 150 ITF points for Magdas, who is playing in the final year of his junior eligibility.

Sayer, the Hong Kong bet who played a total of six sets in his last two outings, settled for 100 ITF points.

Chan Yung-jan won the all-Taiwanese girls' final earlier, coming back from one-set down for a 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Hsu Wen-hsin.

"I was very tight in the first set," said the 15-year-old Chan, who posted her second straight championship romp of this tournament ranked by the ITF as the 12th toughest in the world. "It was a fight back from there (first set) and I did it."

Chan, the tournament top seed who is ranked seventh in the world, erased a 1-2 deficit in the second set and won the next four, mixing lobs with a solid baseline game.

She faced a similar deficit early in the third, but recovered in style, winning the next five games with the loss of only five points to wrap up the match in two hours and 24 minutes.

Magdas, meanwhile, was down 3-4 and 15-30 in the first set after the second of three Sayer aces when he kicked his game up a notch and left his foe eating his dust.

He pulled level at 4-4, held at love and prevailed after six deuces in the longest game of the contest to wrap up the set and gain momentum on his side.

Magdas immediately won the first three games of the second set and Sayer responded by pocketing the next three.

The winner then held convincingly before breaking Sayer at 30 with a nifty pass for a 5-3 lead. Magdas raced to triple match point on his serve and eventually won after two hours and 20 minutes.

Asian F3 opening legs on Internet

MOTORSPORTS aficionados can watch the opening two legs of the 2005 Asian Formula 3 Grand Prix on April 9-10 at the Batangas Racing Circuit on the Internet.

Asian Formula 3 Corp. chair Ed Peña recently signed a sponsorship deal with Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., paving the way for the Internet broadcast of the first two legs of the 12-race circuit.

To access the races on the Internet, motorsport enthusiasts need to log on to www.pldtmypad.com or www.asianf3.net. For more details, they can check out www.asianf3.net.

"Through this deal, motorsport fans can now watch AF3 races anywhere in the world," said Peña.

Two live feeds, each lasting 20 minutes, will be broadcast on the Internet on April 10, first at 10:30 a.m. during round one, and at 2:30 p.m. during round two.

The opening legs will feature a host of foreign entries racing against Filipino drivers led by young guns Dado Peña and Tyson Sy, both 17 who have graduated from the Promotions class, and veteran Pepon Marave, the 2003 AF3 overall champion, who is back on the grid this year.

The foreign entries will be led by defending champion Christian Jones, an Australian driving with a Filipino license; last year's runner-up John O'Hara and Indon racing star Ananda Mikola, who is driving for the Japanese team Three Bond Racing.

The grid:

Team Goddard Inc.—Dado Peña, Greg Murphy; Speedtech Asia—Tyson Sy, Roland Hermoso; Shell helix Kinetic PCSO—Pepon Marave, James Winslow, Lee Farell; Denso Hanjin JF3—Katsuhiro Konno, Robert Block; Christian Jones Motorsports—Christian Jones, John Marcelo; Fujitsu Ten Toyota Team Tom's—John O'Hara, Rodolfo Avila; Three Bond—Ananda Mikola; Team TEC Asia—Enzo Pastor; Tuason Racing—JP Tuason.

MYG on PSA Forum

MANILA Sports Council chair Ali Atienza will talk about the Manila Youth Games today in the weekly PSA Forum at the Manila Pavilion. The public sports program sponsored by Red Bull, Supermax, Circure, Pagcor and aired live over dzSR Sports Radio. Joining Atienza are boxing analyst Hermie Rivera, former Pasig City Mayor Mario Raymundo and ex-Georgetown stars Omari Faulkner and Courtland Freeman. Winners of the Shakey's V-League photo contest will also be awarded.

Magnaye, Balatbat storm into q'finals

DEFENDING champion Peter Gabriel Magnaye bundled out Honesto Buendia III, 15-5, 15-6, behind a superb all-around game yesterday to barge into the quarterfinal round of the JVC Badminton Open Juniors Championships at SM North Edsa.

The victory lined up the top seeded Magnaye, playing for PNP/Victor, for a last-8 clash with Jed Mikhail Perez, the Bulacan bet who subdued Joseph Paredes of ABC, 15-13, 15-6.

Also advancing to the next round of the tournament among the top 14-year-old netters in the land were JP Babad of Battledore and Roden Rivera of Bulacan/Team Valencia.

Babad, who swept his first two rivals to reach the round of 16, sustained his romp by downing Ryan Almasora of UPHL, 15-6, 15-2, while Rivera pulled off a 15-7, 15-11 victory over Michael Taculad.

But it was Randolph Balatbat, another mainstay of Bulacan/Team Valencia, who produced the day's most impressive victory—a 15-1, 15-1 rout of Joshua Cruz—as he pressed his bid for another shot at the crown after bowing in last year's final to Magnaye.

Bianca Legaspi and Gelita Castillo led the quarterfinalists in the distaff side by beating their rivals in similar easy fashions Saturday.

Also advancing in the event were Jessalam Sampurna, Kiara Castelo, May Pamorada, Pia Fabros and Danica Bolos.

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Dissecting Pacquiao trainer Freddie Roach

BARE EYE

Recab Trinidad

LET'S do it now and see who's the bigger *cabron*, grunted Erik Morales in his turn to speak during the final presscon of his showdown against Manny Pacquiao at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas last month.

You're free to interpret what that word *cabron* means, but to Latinos, it could be equal to a man's guts, or *cojones*, to be truly macho-Mex about it.

Pacquiao, who had spoken earlier, could not properly react.

In the first place, Morales bragged, Mexicans don't step back in a fight.

This curious detail didn't see print but Morales had the last say in his raging word war against Pacquiao prior to their explosive fight at the MGM Garden Arena. The world saw in Las Vegas last month how Pacquiao had to do a lot of stepping back against Morales.

No, Pacquiao was not exactly outfought.

The RP ring idol poured it all on and sought the elusive knockout until the final bell despite being cut and bloodied in the fifth round.

Pacquiao was, however, clearly outmaneuvered and outpunched by the masterful Morales, who often appeared like an instructor conducting a lesson inside the ring.

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Anyway, did you hear this stupid suspicion going the rounds that Pacquiao had been cheated?

Last Friday, on our way to hear the first-Friday Mass at the Church of the Black Nazarene in Quiapo, we heard fans grumbling that a tiny amount of blood taken from Pacquiao two days before the fight had caused the deterioration in the fighter's vaunted power.

For the record, Pacquiao had himself assured his countrymen on the eve of the big bout that the blood test had not affected him a bit.

If it's true that Team Pacquiao had raised the blood test as an alibi, they should also start inventing an excuse for Pacquiao's next fight—right now.

There have been strange twists after that heart-rending Pacquiao setback in Las Vegas.

Last Friday, Pacquiao told mediamen during the SCOOP sa Kamayan forum in Padre Faura that he would move out from the Wild Card Boxing Club in Hollywood and train either in Arizona or the Big Bear in the California mountain outskirts.

Pacquiao was quoted as having said he did not want to be distracted in training.

He swore in the same forum that he did not want spies to be able to study his moves.

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Well, it's to each his own.

Morales did train in seclusion, but Team Pacquiao cannot claim they did not have the proper inputs on the Aztec warrior.

The Morales style was there for the whole world to see.

It was however obvious that Morales' handlers did their homework and was able to fully exploit Pacquiao's glaring weaknesses.

After Pacquiao failed to land his fabled haymaker inside five rounds the fight turned tactical, with the faith of the whole campaign left in the hands of trainer Freddie Roach.

Pacquiao, no doubt, has been a very coachable fighter.

He has relied wholly on Roach on what to do before and during a big fight.

No, this is not to say Pacquiao has become a Roach robot.

But experts and plain fans cannot be blamed if they've started to wonder about the true worth of Roach, the trainer whom Pacquiao has made to be adored here in the Philippines.

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There's this growing feeling that Pacquiao, given the proper adjustments, could've won the war against Morales.

A basic flaw was the inability of Pacquiao to shift stance once Morales would push onto his left side, thereby rendering the killer left hook a dud. Many times, Pacquiao, throwing a left punch, would appear like a driver pulling up the fender of his stuck car from the gutter.

Pacquiao was often awkward, frantic, ineffective.

There were a lot of tactical flaws that, if corrected, could've tremendously enhanced Pacquiao's chances against Morales.

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This brings to mind Pacquiao's fight against Juan Manuel Marquez, who managed to survive and earn a draw despite being floored three times in the first round last May.

Nacho Beristain, Marquez's chief handler, had clearly outwitted Roach in that battle of tacticians.

Roach's glaring flaws and shortcomings were however aptly covered with alibis, topped by that one about thin, inferior socks causing Pacquiao to develop toe blisters.

In the final reckoning, the biggest problem for the RP campaign came after Roach had made Pacquiao believe he was too fast and strong for the older Morales.

When Morales showed up at his best and proved superior in major departments, Roach could not react properly.

Roach, a dear friend we truly respect, is indeed a terrific trainer.

But Pacquiao may have to rely on a better tactician, who will plot and call the shots at the height of battle, if he's to pick up the pieces of his career.

Ballester, Vence joining Boston Marathon April 18

TWO of the country's finest marathoners are set to leave for Massachusetts in the United States to see action in the prestigious Boston Marathon set April 18.

Allan Ballester, the 30-year-old pride of Sorsogon who won the gold medal in the 2003 Vietnam Southeast Asian Games, and the 38-year-old Roy Vence made it to the Boston run by finishing 1-2 in last year's Manila Marathon.

Ballester and Vence, also the winner of the SEAG marathon in 2001, will carry the Team MayniLA-Philippines, according Manila Sports Council chief Arnold "Ali" Atienza.

"What better exposure can we provide our top marathoners for their preparation for the coming SEA Games than the Boston Marathon," said the son of Manila Mayor Lito Atienza. "We believe Allan and Roy would give a good account of themselves."

The last Filipino to run in Boston Marathon was the late Jimmy dela Torre 22 years ago.

Reyes shows real form

The Magician zaps Yang for title

JAKARTA—Efren "Bata" Reyes decided he wanted no more cardiac finishes.

REYES: Victor again

Pouncing on three straight bad breaks by Yang Ching-shun, Reyes cruised to an 11-6 victory over the fifth seed from Chinese-Taipei on Sunday to lift the crown in the second leg of the San Miguel Beer Asian 9-Ball Tour hosted by the Indonesian capital for the first time.

Pushed to the last rack in his first four matches, "the Magician" didn't need to reprise his escape act against Yang, whose misfortunes began just when he had taken a 6-5 lead over the Filipino top seed and on his birthday at that.

With the Taiwanese star turning up two dry breaks and two scratches off the break in the last six racks, Reyes simply ran out the tables with the help of three brilliant 9-ball combos to pick up the $10,000 winner's check and the glass trophy in the event organized by ESPN Star Sports.

Reyes, who won his first three matches by 9-8 scores, said he was inspired by his close brushes with defeat after the final match attended by a predominantly Filipino audience who cheered his triumph at the Hanggar Billiard and Recreation Center.

"Yang was the steadiest player I fought here, but if you can't score on the break, it's really hard to win," said Reyes, ranked fifth in the world, in Filipino.

With the victory, the 50-year-old Reyes earned 70 ranking points in the only Asian qualifying tournament for the World Championships in Taiwan in July. He also bounced back from a quarterfinal defeat to compatriot Antonio Gabica in the first leg in Singapore last month.

More significantly, Bata avenged the losses of fellow Filipinos and Puyat Sports teammates Lee Vann Corteza and Gandy Valle here to Yang, who also disposed of Japan's Satoshi Kawabata with ease, 11-6, to reach the finals of the Tour bankrolled by San Miguel Beer.

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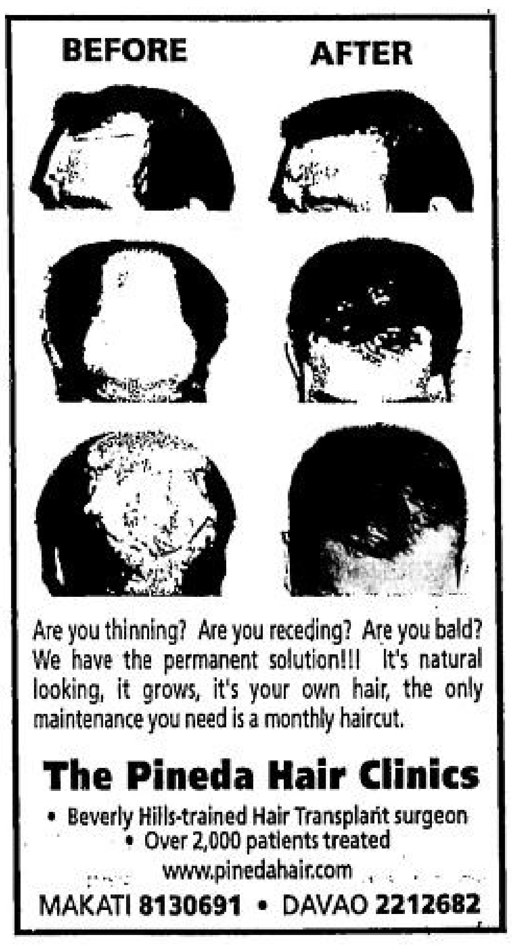
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Magpayo out for good with broken left arm

By Jasmine W. Payo

MAGPAYO

MONTAÑA Pawnshop's starting forward Al Magpayo will be sidelined for the rest of the year after breaking his left forearm bones in the Jewels' 81-75 overtime win over Harbour Centre in the PBL Unity Cup last Saturday.

"As it turned out, it's more than just a fracture," said Jewels team manager Clarence Aytona. "He was operated on Saturday night and will need a follow-up operation on Wednesday."

Magpayo sustained the injury in the first quarter after falling hard on the floor while guarding Harbour Centre's Mac Cardona.

The PBL Open champions apparently took some time to settle down, played catch-up the entire game before disposing off rookie team Harbour Centre in the extra period.

Coach Robert Sison said Magpayo's injury affected his boys "but we made him a rallying point and it's good that the players eventually responded to the call."

Kenneth Bono, a hefty 6-foot-5 center from Adamson University, is expected to fill Magpayo's slot.

"He will be playing more minutes," said Aytona.

In the last conference, the 6-foot-5 Magpayo averaged 7.1 points, 5.7 rebounds and 1 block per game.

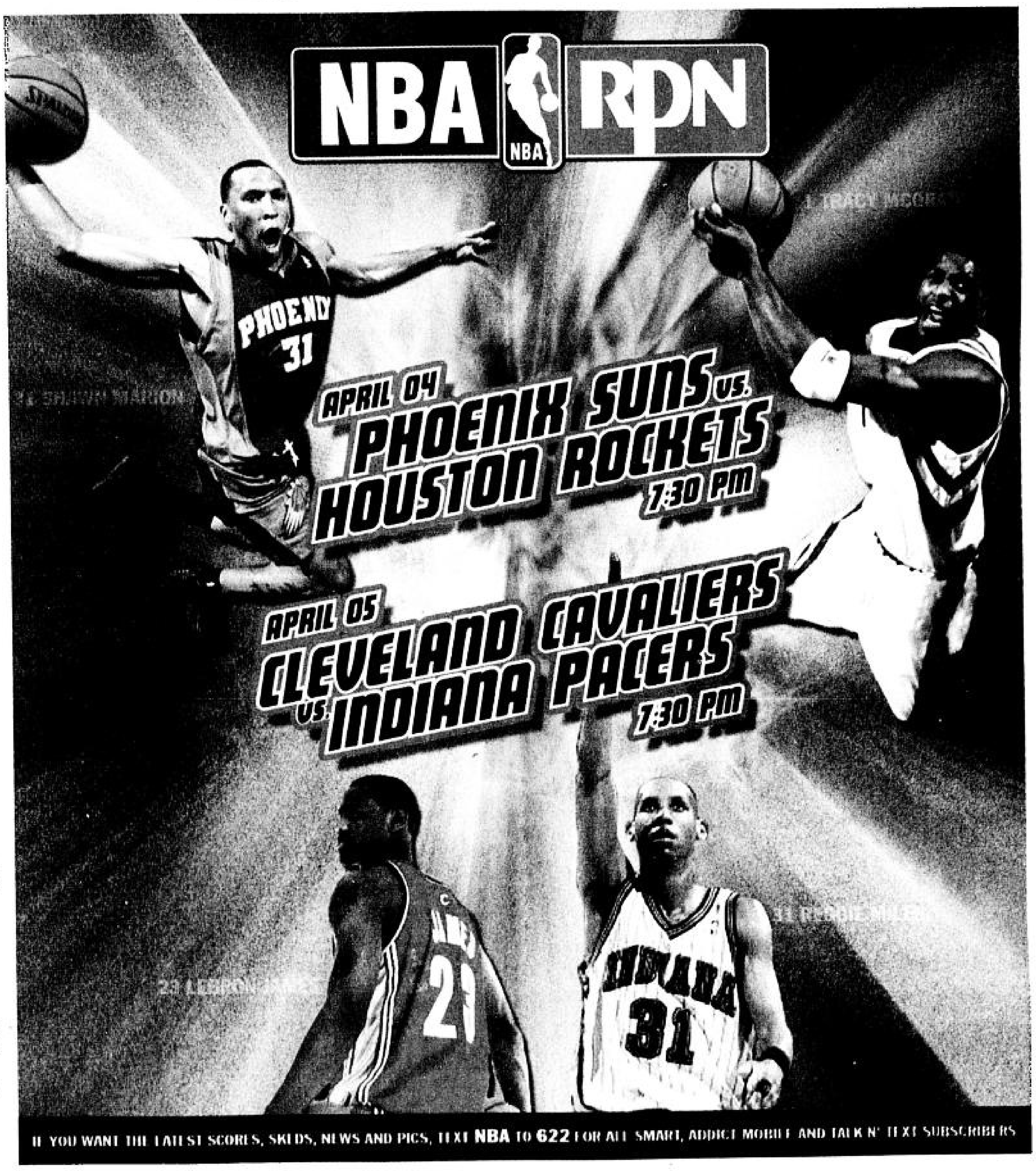
SPORTSWATCH

GCAP derby's 6th leg today at LPC

THE SIXTH leg of the Gentlemen Cockers Association of the Philippines (GCAP) 7-Cock Derby kicks off today at the Las Piñas Coliseum with more than 50 fights on tap and Sagupaan Complexor 3000 as sponsor. Today's 3-cock elimination round will start at 7 p.m. The finals is on Wednesday. Fresh off their victory in the fifth GCAP derby recently, veteran cockers Pepito Ngo of Rizal and Gerry Ramos of Las Piñas are among the favorites today. Among their fiercest challengers are Mayor Ashley Arayata, Paeng Araneta, Tonette Luzuriaga, Benjie Lim, Tony Lasala, Patrick Antonio, Mayor Nene Aguilar, Pol Estrellado, Boy Royo, Tito Reyes, GCAP president Rudy Albano, Dini Cuenca, Dante Hinlo, William Go, the ASF Group, Lito Orillaza and Rudy Salud. An average of 50 fights are held during the venue's regular hackfight schedule from Monday to Sunday, according to coliseum manager Alex Tobias. On Saturday, the Big Event 6-Cock Derby will start at 5 p.m. For inquiries, call 8731040, 8743910 or 0926-7450375.

National Bullstag hackfights lure big field

A BIG number of entries have confirmed their participation in the Thunderbird-backed "Para sa Bayan" National 7-Bullstag Derby slated April 18, 19 and 21 at the Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City. Hosted by the National Federation of Gamefowl Breeders and supported by, among other sponsors, gamefowl industry leader Thunderbird Power Feeds, makers of Thunderbird Multi-Grain Concentrate and Conditioner and Thunderbird Baby Stag Booster, the three-day derby will raise funds to help the Philippine Sports Commission as it prepares for the country's hosting of the 23rd Southeast Asian Games in November. Philippine Olympic Committee president Jose "Peping" Cojuangco, a respected cockfighter who was the inducting officer and guest speaker of the NFGB recently, helped conceptualized the staging of the "Para sa Bayan" National Bullstag Derby.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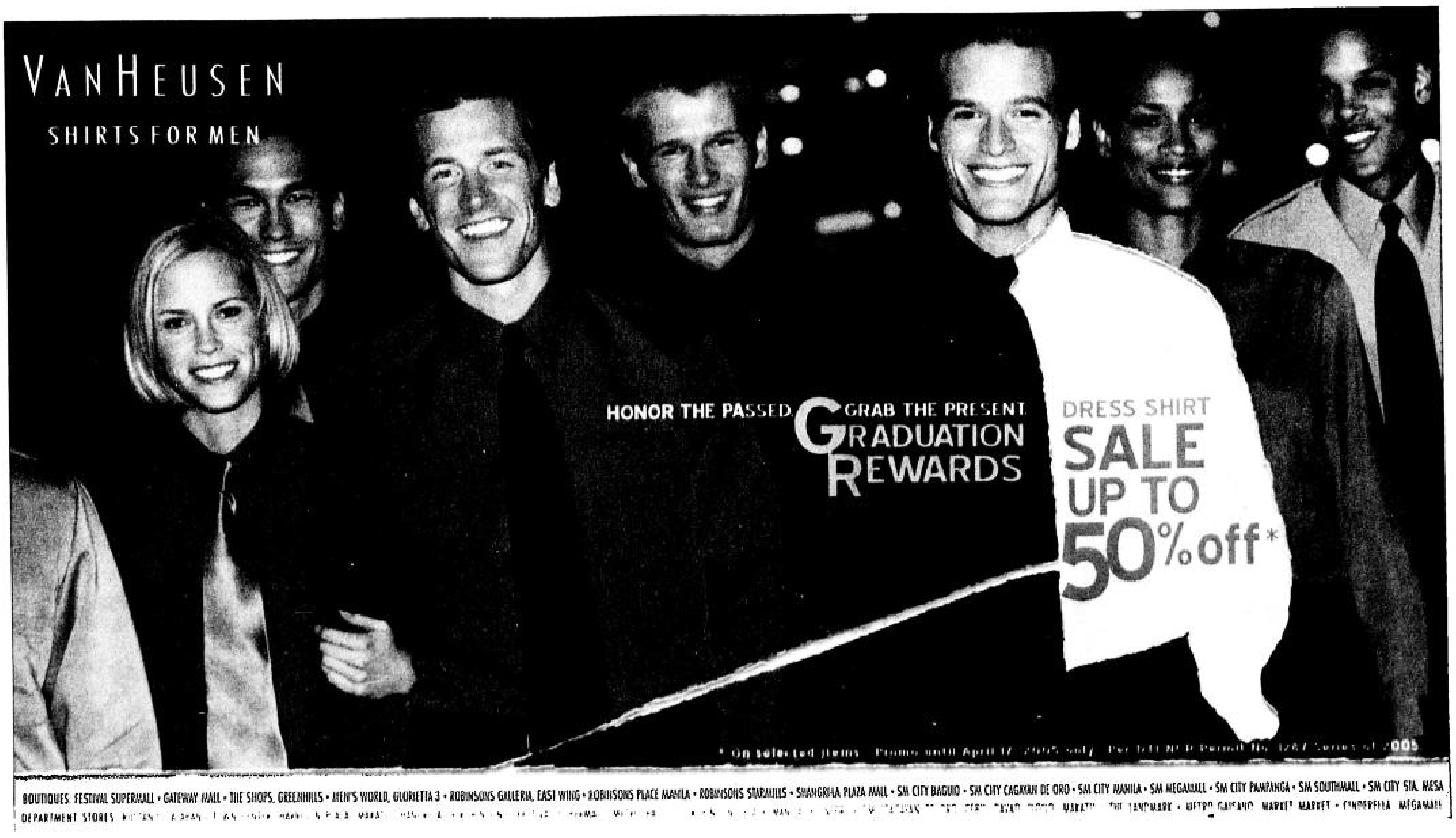
12 teams in Iligan Eco race

TWELVE teams from Dumaguete, Cebu, Davao, Metro Manila, Cagayan de Oro, Iligan and Marawi have joined the Conquer Iligan Eco-Adventure Race 2005 which unwraps today.

Patterned after the popular "Outdoor Quest," the event will feature mountain biking, trail running, swimming, kayaking, paddling, navigation, rope techniques and other disciplines needing special skills. The local version will follow a modified format.

Mayor Lawrence Lluch Cruz hopes the contestants will bring home memories of fun and adventure from picturesque Iligan.

Freddie Siao of the Iligan City sports office is the race director. Helping him are Stephen de los Santos and Bambi Guevara.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Francis fuels gutsy Magic stand vs Nets

O'Neal's Heat, Bryant's LA Lakers continue going opposite directions

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey—Refusing to quit despite all sorts of adversity, the Orlando Magic mounted several comebacks and defeated the New Jersey Nets, 103-102, Saturday night to clinch the tiebreaker between the teams.

Steve Francis had 33 points, five assists and seven rebounds for Orlando, which won the season series 3-1 with a gutty performance befitting of a team fighting to make the playoffs.

The Magic, who were missing starters Grant Hill and Jameer Nelson, had lost 11 of 14 coming in and were at risk of falling two games behind Philadelphia for eighth place in the East.

Instead, Orlando passed New Jersey in the conference standings and sent the Nets to a crushing loss.

Rookie Nenad Krstic scored a career-high 28 points to lead New Jersey.

Spurs 95, Lakers 94

In San Antonio, Brent Barry banked in a running layup with 6.7 seconds left to lift San Antonio over the reeling Los Angeles Lakers.

Kobe Bryant had a chance to win it, but missed an 18-footer off the back rim at the buzzer.

Bryant was guarded by former Laker Robert Horry at the top of the key. Interim head coach Frank Hamblen wanted Bryant to drive to the basket but Bryant pump-faked Horry, then missed that 18-foot jumper that sealed the Lakers' doom.

"When you put the ball in a great player's hands," Hamblen said, "it's his decision to make."

All Bryant could say afterward was: "Ten times I'll take that shot. I'll make nine of them."

The Lakers have lost 10 of 11, including seven straight on the road. San Antonio swept the series between the teams for the second time in three years. Los Angeles is now 33-39. The last time the Lakers were this far under .500 in April was in 1994. They finished that season at 33-49.

Barry scored 20 points for the Spurs.

Caron Butler led Los Angeles with 27 points. Bryant, averaging 30.6 points in his last five games, finished with 15 points on 6-for-19 shooting.

The Lakers entered Saturday seven games behind Denver and Memphis for the Western Conference's last playoff spot and could be mathematically eliminated as soon as Tuesday.

"We've talked in regards to we're still mathematically alive but it's kind of dwindling," Hamblen said.

Heat 111, Hornets 99

In New Orleans, Shaquille O'Neal had 34 points and 15 rebounds, Dwyane Wade scored 33 points, and the pair combined for more than a dozen dunks to help Miami defeat New Orleans.

Wade and O'Neal entered the game averaging a combined 47.1 points, a mark they surpassed in the third quarter, when the Heat led by as many as 20.

P.J. Brown scored a season-high 21 in a rare reserve role for New Orleans.

Bulls 112, Bobcats 97

In Chicago, Othella Harrington scored 22 points and Chicago won its ninth straight game.

The Bulls easily extended their season-high winning streak and moved 10 games over .500 despite missing two players. Chicago moved a half-game behind the Washington Wizards for the fourth seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Eddy Curry missed his third straight game and remained hospitalized for more testing on an irregular heartbeat. Luol Deng also missed the game for Chicago with a sprained right wrist.

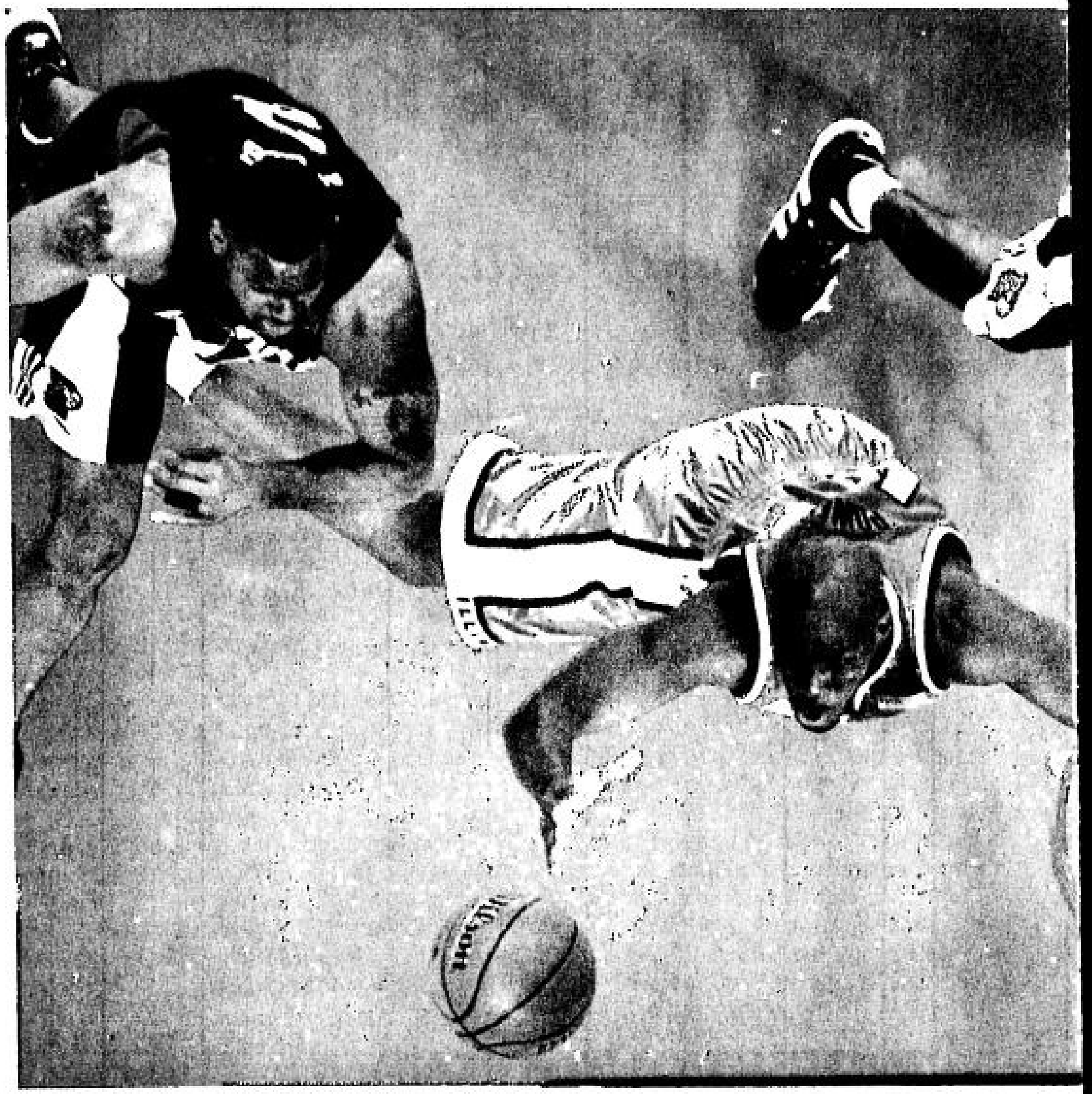
Rookie Emeka Okafor was impressive early for the Bobcats and finished with 28 points and 16 rebounds.

Nuggets 103, Trail Blazers 97

In Portland, Oregon, Carmelo Anthony scored 23 points and reserve Earl Boykins added 17 points, leading Denver to a win over Portland.

Andre Miller added 16 points for the Nuggets, who have won 17 of 19 games and hold a half-game lead over Memphis in the race for the seventh playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Damon Stoudamire led the Trail Blazers with 27 points. *AP, New York Times News Service*



**ILLINOIS forward Roger Powell (center) battles Louisville forwards Ellis Myles (left) and Otis George

Illini, Tar Heels forge N

ST. LOUIS—Top-seeds University of Illinois and North Carolina will contest the NCAA championship final after convincing semifinal victories at the Final Four tournament on Saturday.

Luther Head and Roger Powell Jr. each scored 20 points as the Fighting Illini (37-1) overcame Louisville Cardinals, 72-57. Standing in their way of a first national title on Monday will be the Tar Heels for whom Sean May scored 22 points in an 87-71 win over the Michigan State Spartans.

"We put April 4th on the board six weeks ago and we're playing April 4th in the national championship," said Illinois' Bruce Weber, the NCAA coach of the year. "We are very excited." Ellis Myles led the Cardinals (33-5) with 17 points, while Taquan Dean and Larry O'Bannon added 12 apiece.

The teams played a tightly contested first half, with the Illini leading 31-28 at the intermission.

Louisville took the lead briefly early in the second half, but the Illini answered every challenge from the Cardinals, hitting numerous key 3-pointers to stay in front.

"Tonight our veteran team made the plays," said Jack Ingram, who had nine points. "I was glad we were able to go play our style of basketh

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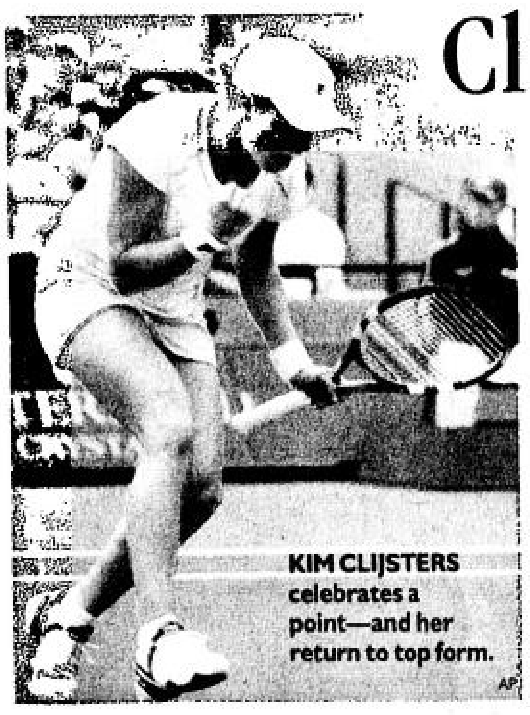

KIM CLIJSTERS celebrates a point—and her return to top form. AP

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida—From corner to corner Kim Clijsters ran, sliding into the splits with a cheerleader's zeal as she retrieved shot after shot, keeping alive yet another rally—and her comeback.

The tenacious Belgian earned a second consecutive title Saturday in her remarkable return from a career-threatening wrist injury, beating Maria Sharapova, 6-3, 7-5, in the final of the Nasdaq-100 Open.

The tournament was just the third in Clijsters' latest comeback from the injury, which required surgery and forced her to miss much of last year. She has won 14 matches in a row, including the Indian Wells title two weeks ago, and beat six top-10 players in her past nine matches.

"It has been an incredible four weeks," Clijsters said. "I'm just going to try to enjoy it as much as I can."

To Sharapova's chagrin, her superior power was negated by Clijsters' exceptional mobility.

"You just have to expect that she's going to get every ball back," Sharapova said. "Running from corner to corner is like a piece of cake for her."

Ranked No. 1 for 12 weeks in 2003, Clijsters slipped to 133rd before Indian Wells but will climb to 17th next week. That ensures she'll be seeded at the French Open, where she's a two-time runner-up.

"Obviously from today's performance she's a top-five player," Sharapova said.

Winning Indian Wells and Key Biscayne back to back suggests as much. The only other woman to achieve the feat was Steffi Graf in 1994 and 1996. *AP*

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Peirsol smash

INDIANAPOLIS—Aaron Peirsol broke his own world record in the 100-meter backstroke Saturday night, swimming a surprising 53.17 seconds in the US trials for the World Championships later this year.

Peirsol, who won three Olympic gold medals last year, had a time of just under 55 seconds in the preliminaries. He said he wasn't thinking of lowering his mark of 53.45 set at the Athens Games.

"I think it's rare you surprise yourself like that," Peirsol said. "It's good that I still can.

"I've done a lot at my level, and to still surprise myself once in a while, it was interesting," the 21-year-old said, grinning, as he accepted congratulations from other swimmers at poolside. "I don't know what that was all about."

Peirsol took off about four months after the Olympics.

"Maybe I took it up to the next level and didn't know it," he said. "Maybe taking all that time off last semester really did help me revive my body. I don't know what I did. But cool, man, whatever happened, it's good."

Randall Bal was second at 54.01 seconds, and Matt Grevers was third at 54.59.

The winner of each event gets a spot on the US team that will compete in the World Championships July 24-31 in Montreal. Depending on multiple-event winners, second-place finishers could be added to the American squad.

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WORCESTER, Massachusetts—Frenchman Jean-Marc Mormeck beat Wayne Braithwaite in a unanimous decision Saturday, unifying the cruiserweight division for the first time since Evander Holyfield held all three belts in 1988.

Mormeck (31-2) won his 28th consecutive fight, outpointing Braithwaite 114-112, 115-111 and 116-110 on the judges' cards to add the WBC cruiserweight championship to the WBA title he already owned. The IBF championship is vacant.

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MANAMA—Formula one championship leader Fernando Alonso won the Bahrain Grand Prix on Sunday to hand Renault its third win in three races.

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Pope John Paul II was also an avid sportsman

VATICAN CITY—Pope John Paul II was an avid sportsman, and possibly the most athletic pontiff in history.

While memories of the pope on skis or hiking through the Italian Alps contrast greatly with more recent images of him—when he suffered from debilitating illnesses—John Paul was a vibrant participant in physical activities throughout much of his life.

From his days as "Lolek the Goalie" to his numerous hiking and kayaking trips that he used for spiritual gatherings, the pope always found time to satisfy his love for the outdoors.

"He has been a terrific sportsman," said George Weigel, author of an extensive biography on John Paul. "As a young man he was a very active soccer player, a skier, a hiker. As a young priest he became very involved in a ministry to university students that was built around hiking, skiing and kayaking."

Weigel noted that the pope had a swimming pool built at his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo during the first summer of his papacy.

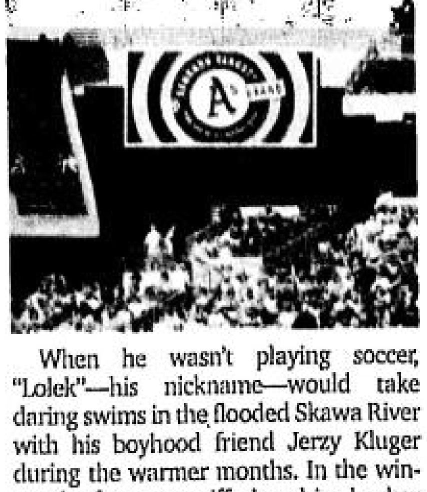
"The story goes that he justified it by saying it was cheaper than building a new conclave," he said. "The first 15 years of his pontificate he took breaks to go skiing, and the miracle about that was the Italian paparazzi actually left him alone."

John Paul, who traveled abroad more than any other pope in history, also shared the same stage as many of the world's greatest athletes, and performed mass in front of crowds larger than those seen at any sports event. And he relished the audiences he held for professional athletes—from Muhammad Ali to the Real Madrid.

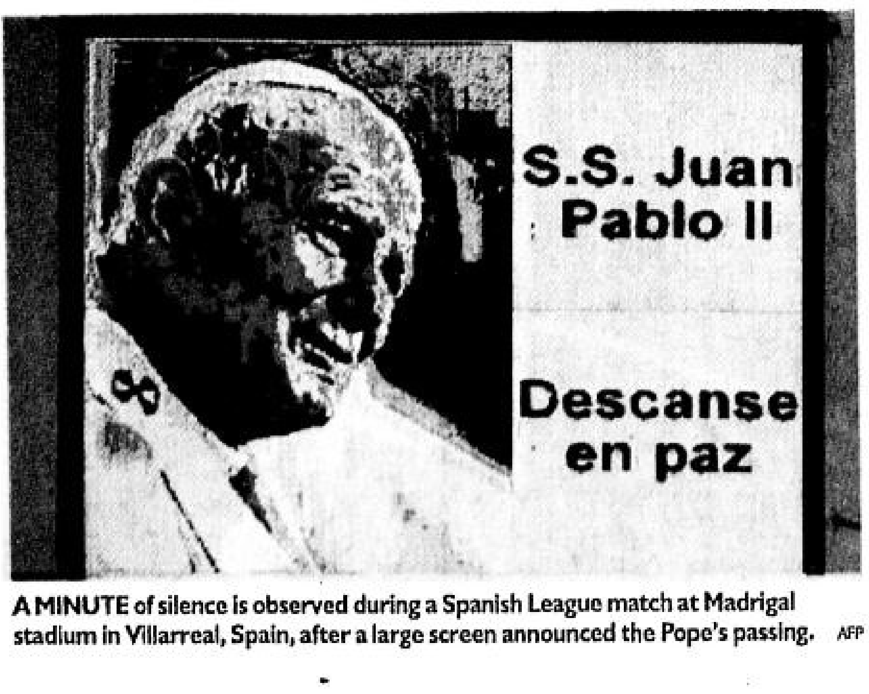
In one of his last such audiences in January, John Paul gave his blessing to the Ferrari auto racing team and its seven-time Formula One champion driver Michael Schumacher.

Athletics have been an important part of the pope's life since his years growing up in the Polish town of Wadowice. Karol Wojtyla, as he was called then, was a goalkeeper for his local soccer team. Pilgrims to Wadowice can still see the pitch where he played.

When he wasn't playing soccer, "Lolek"—his nickname—would take daring swims in the flooded Skawa River with his boyhood friend Jerzy Kluger during the warmer months. In the winter, the future pontiff played ice hockey on the Skawa's frozen surface. *AP*



PLAYERS of Mexican soccer teams Cruz Azul and Veracruz observe a minute of silence for Pope John Paul II, while in the US, the flag is lowerd at half-mast (right photo) during an exhibition game between the Oakland Athletics and the San Francisco Giiants in Calfornia.



A MINUTE of silence is observed during a Spanish League match at Madrigal stadium in Villarreal, Spain, after a large screen announced the Pope's passing. AFP

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Mayfair leads rain-hit BellSouth tilt

DULUTH, Georgia—Billy Mayfair was 4 under through 13 holes Saturday to take a one-stroke lead in the first round of the rain-delayed BellSouth Classic, shortened to 54 after the stormy conditions wiped out the first two days of play.

After originally planning a 36-hole finish Monday to complete 72 holes, PGA Tour official Slugger White said the players will play only a single round Monday. The forecast for Sunday is for temperatures in the high teens Celsius (60s Fahrenheit) with 15-30 kph (10-15 mph) wind, and it is expected to be in the low 20s (70s Fahrenheit) Monday with little wind.

Rain has affected eight of the 14 tournaments on the US tour so far this year. Last week, The Players Championship also finished on a Monday in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Mayfair was among 63 players who did not finish the round, which will be completed Sunday morning. JL Lewis, Scott McCarron and Ted Purdy were the leaders in the clubhouse at 3-under 69, and Brett Quigley and Ryuji Imada also were 3 under. Quigley completed 16 holes, and Imada played 11.

Phil Mickelson, preparing for his title defense next week in the US Masters, was 2 over through 15 holes.

"The hardest part is when it's cold and you have delays, it's hard to stay warm," said Mayfair, who wore a knit cap that covered his ears.

Mayfair had four birdies in his abbreviated round.

"I made four birdies and they all were between 10 and 20 feet," he said. "I made some nice putts."

Rain washed out the first two rounds at the TPC at Sugarloaf, postponing the opening round until Saturday. Play began at 7 a.m., with the temperature just above freezing and wind gusting to 65 kph (40 mph). Play was suspended for 99 minutes when a quick-moving storm brought rain and snow flurries at mid-morning.

"It's been windy and raining every week just about," Lewis said. "It was cold with the wind, especially coming out of the north."

Rich Beem, who also had a 7:27 a.m. tee time, said it was 3 degrees (38 Fahrenheit) when he went to the driving range before the round.

"Once we got out there, you just kind of accepted the fact that it's going to be blowing, it's going to be windy, it's going to be cold and it's going to be tough," Beem said.

Vijay Singh, Tiger Woods and Ernie Els, the top three players in the world, skipped the BellSouth to focus on the Masters. *AP*

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"It was the kids," Williams said of his players. "The kids came out in the second half and played their tails off."

Raymond Felton chipped in with 14 points for the Tar Heels, who got almost all their scoring from four players.

Maurice Ager scored 24 points for Michigan State but the Spartans failed to hold on to a five-point first half lead against the nation's top-scoring team this year.

Tom Izzo's Spartans had reached the Final Four despite being just the fifth seed in the Austin region.

"We just didn't have enough weapons," Izzo said. *Reuters*

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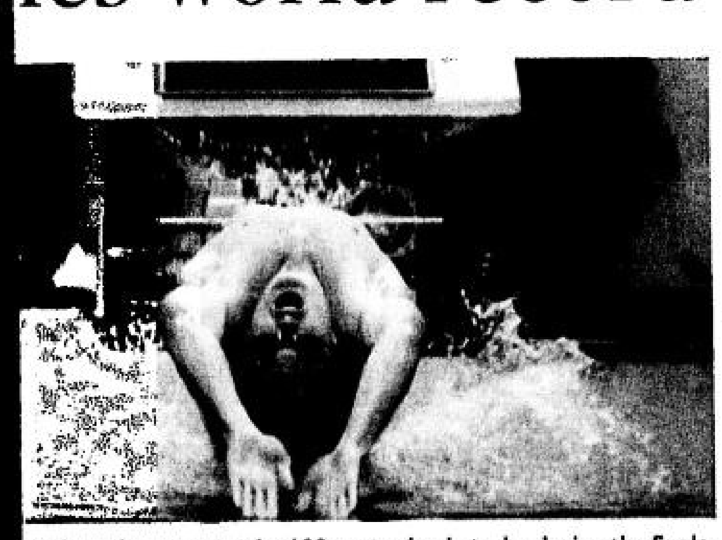

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Phelps, who won the 400 freestyle Friday night, added a win in the 200 free with a time of 1:46.44. He and the next three finishers—Peter Vanderkaay, Klete Keller and Ryan Lochte—automatically qualified for the 800 relay at the world meet. That same quartet surprised the favored Australian team by winning the gold at Athens last year.

Phelps did not compete in the 200 butterfly, an event in which he set a world record at 1:53.93 two years ago. Davis Tarwater won that event Saturday night at 1:58.71. *AP*

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Before the main event, the crowd was asked for silence while the ringside bell tolled 10 times in memory of Pope John Paul II.

Dissatisfied with the crowd's compliance, promoter Don King asked for the bell to ring again. The building was more hushed the second time; King, who was wearing a large diamond cross among his necklaces, nodded somberly and crossed himself. *AP*

Ayala Greenfield celebrates summer

THE SUMMER season has officially begun, and Ayala Greenfield is going to get into it, hosting a series of family-oriented surprises that will make the scorching season a memorably cool one.

On April 3, a camping clinic will be held especially for kids by outdoor experts. Events such as rappelling and the zip line will be lined up for other members of the family.

On April 10, Kite Team Philippines will conduct a kite clinic at the Nature Park. A dazzling RC plane aerial exhibition will be held on April 17, while games of skill and accuracy will take centerstage in a day devoted to paintball on April 24.

Activities start at 9 a.m., with Holy Mass celebrations at 10:30 a.m. at the Village Clubhouse. It's a summer to remember at Ayala Greenfield, as participants can also look forward to more summer excitement this May.

Amenities available at the exclusive subdivision include infinity and kiddie pools, jacuzzi, game room, 9-hole putting green and indoor basketball, tennis and badminton courts. The 15-hectare Nature Park includes a fishing lagoon, picnic huts and tree house, and playfield. The development also has an 18-hole, all-weather championship golf course for those who fancy good golf games.

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Until then the German had hounded Alonso but his departure took the pressure off the Spaniard in a race full of incident and overtaking.

Italian Jarno Trulli crossed the line 13.409 seconds behind Alonso to take Toyota's second top three finish in succession, with Finland's Kimi Raikkonen following for McLaren's first podium of the season in third place.

Alonso leads the championship with 26 points to Trulli's 16.

Michael Schumacher, winner of 13 of the 18 races in 2004, has just two points after two retirements in three races. *Reuters*

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DAY 1 : April 27, 2005 (Wednesday)

Introductory Session : 1pm - 1.30pm
Business Entrepreneurship And Your Company : Power To Succeed
Session Chair : Mr. Ricardo de Vera, Seminar Director
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Session 1 : 1.30pm - 3:30pm
Critical Lessons From Entreprenuers In Business
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Session 2 : 3:45pm - 5:30pm
The Changing Horizon Of Business Marketing/ Sales What Is Happening/Why Are Traditions-Practices Failing
Speaker : to be announced

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DAY 2 : April 28, 2005 (Thursday)

Link-Up Session : 1pm - 1.30pm
Session 3 : 1.30pm - 3:30pm
Understanding The Tool Of Business Entrepreneurship : The Diagnostic Business Process System (Marketing/Sales)
Speaker : Mr. Raul Rodriquez
Senior Consultant

Session 4 : 3:45pm - 5:30pm
The Framework And Discipline Of Managing The Marketing And Sales For Improved Bottomlines
Speaker : to be announced

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DAY 3 April 29, 2--5 (Friday)

Link-Up Session : 1pm - 1.30pm

Session 5 : 1.30pm - 3.30pm
An Integrated Marketing/Sales IT For The Business Entrepreneur In a convergent market
Speaker : Mr. Michael Limueco
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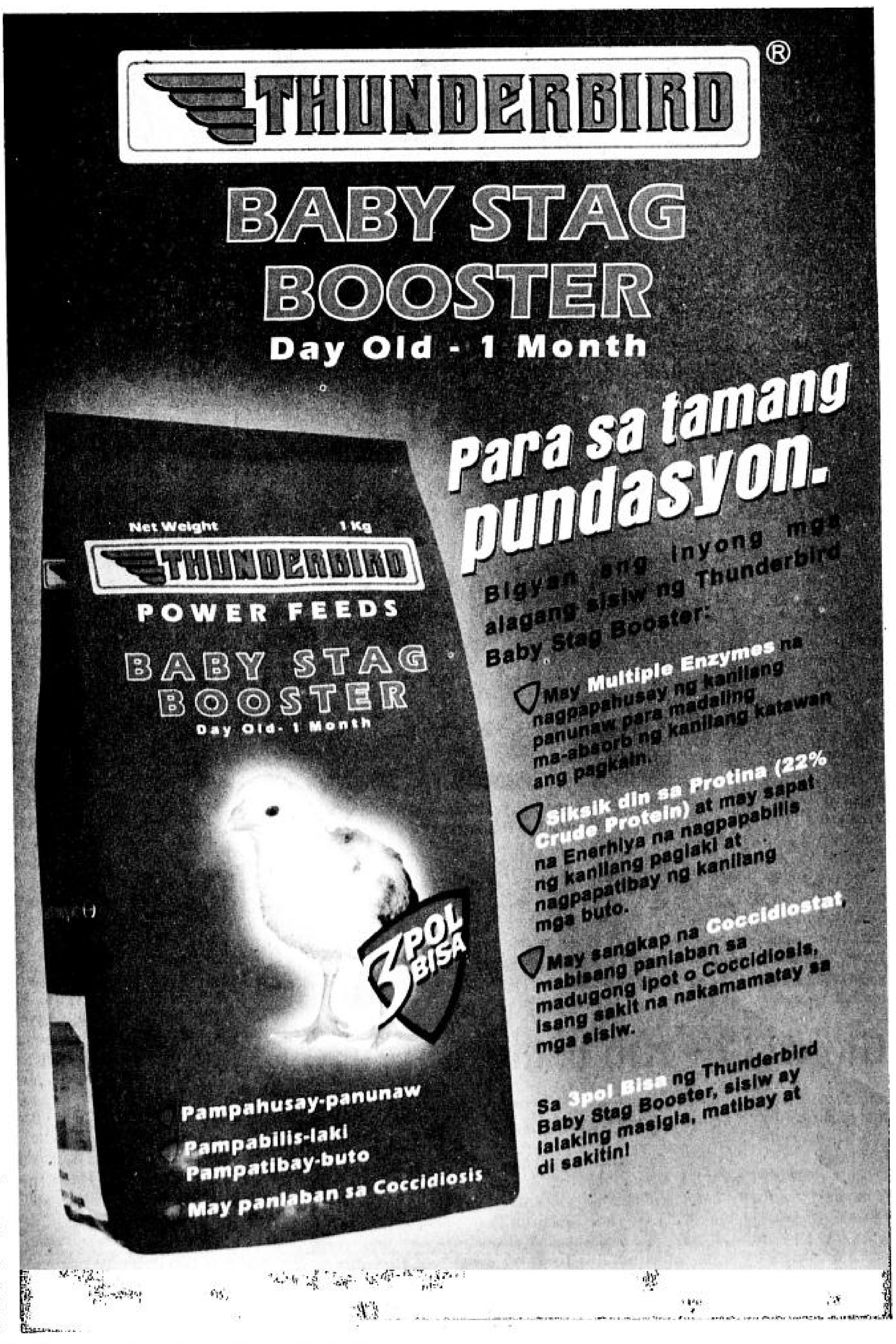
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Battle of giants: Antonio nips Torre

TOP-SEEDED Grandmaster Rogelio "Joey" Antonio Jr. turned a slight positional advantage into victory over No. 2-ranked GM Eugene Torre yesterday to share the lead with four others after seven rounds of the Filway-Timelife Chess Championship's Mindanao leg at the Entertainment Area in SM City-Davao.

Antonio prevailed with the white pieces in 44 moves of a Bishop Opening to rack up 6.0 points, the same output of International Master Idelfonso Datu and National Masters Elmer Sumngat, Rolando Nolte and Cedric Magno.

ANTONIO

"*Suwerte lang, nakuha sa pilit* (I was lucky to extract the win)," said Antonio who took his only loss against unheralded Perkins Bayron in the opening round.

Antonio hopes to use the tournament as his preparation for the Bangladesh Open which fires off this week.

In other matches, Datu humbled Henry Lopez, Sumngat downed IM Barlo Nadera, Nolte nipped NM Fernandito Pialan and Magno ambushed FM Oliver Dimakiling.

The tournament champion will get P30,000 from the purse put up by the sponsoring Filway Marketing CEO/president Hector Tagaysay.

Third seed Mark Paragua beat Harudin Tayuan to stay within striking distance at 5.5 points, in a tie with Reynaldo Quinonez and NM Rustom Tolentino.

In the distaff side, Mallorca Olympiad veteran Loreshyl Cuizon remained on top with 5.5 points in six rounds after drawing with Rowela Acedo. *Marlon Bernardino, Contributor*

Mayol defends crown today

UNBEATEN Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation minimumweight champion Rodel Mayol defends his title for the third time today against Japanese Takayuki Korogi at the Central Gym in Osaka, Japan.

The dynamite-fisted Mayol, 20-0 with 16 knockouts and ranked World Boxing Council No. 2, is hoping for an impressive win over Korogi that could serve as a springboard for his crack at the WBC crown this year.

"I have prepared hard for this," Mayol said. "I'm fighting in enemy territory, so I am not going to go easy on him."

The fight is in the undercard of the WBC minimumweight title clash pitting champion Isaac "Tortas" Bustos of Mexico against Japanese challenger Katsunari Takayama.

A member of Team Mayol, who called from Japan yesterday, said that the third man on the ring today is a referee from Las Vegas, who will also score the fight. The other two judges are Philippine resident Bruce McTavish of New Zealand and a Japanese judge.

"We have instructed Mayol to steal the show from the main event," said the Mayol insider. "The purpose is to make a statement."

Korogi, 13-4-3 with 4 KOs, is a former Japan light fly champ. *Salven L. Lagumbay*

EMPIRE King (top photo, right) gives owner DC Lee (right photo) another trophy to raise with a victory in the President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo Cup. RUDY ESPERAS

Real Spicy, Empire King triumph in twin thriller

By Edwin Villanueva, *Contributor*

REAL Spicy completed a big family day for noted owner Hermie Esguerra by exacting revenge on Speed Advantage after Empire King had accomplished the same mission against Cover Girl in a pair of photo-finish contests at the San Lazaro Leisure Park yesterday.

With ace jockey Pat Dilema displaying one of his best rides, Real Spicy edged Speed Advantage by a nose in the Crown Prince Abdullah Abdul Aziz Cup and regained his reputation as the hottest prospect in the coming Triple Crown Series.

In the same manner, Jeffrey Ladiana also gave Empire King the ride of his life as the 2004 Horse of the Year also won by the narrowest of margins over Cover Girl in the President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo Cup.

"It was a memorable victory for me because I was with my family cheering when Real Spicy prevailed," said Esguerra, who watched the race on television during a break in the family-oriented Children's International Summer Village Camp in Antipolo where two of his children attended.

ESGUERRA: Memorable

Esguerra also lauded Dilema and trainer Andrew Sanchez for a "job well done" and cited Speed Advantage as a "worthy opponent for Real Spicy."

Under Dilema's energetic prodding, Real Spicy charged hard on the outside to catch the Fernando Raquel Jr.-handled Speed Advantage at the wire after coming back from fifth spot and challenging the latter from the top of the stretch.

"*Nakabawi rin. 'Yun na yung pinakadikit na panalo ni* Real Spicy (We finally got back at Speed Advantage. That was Real Spicy's closest win so far)," said Dilema, the country's No. 1 jockey.

Real Spicy, a 3-year-old chestnut colt sired by Real Quiet out of Spicy Tale, covered the 1,600-meter race in 1 minute 40.5 seconds (23.5-23.5-26-27.5) and won P600,000 for Esguerra, who later proceeded to the SLLP to personally accept the Crown Prince Cup.

Thywillbedone arrived third, five lengths off the winner, then came Full of Fury, Speed Majesty, Vivere and War Alert.

It was the 10th win in 14 outings thus far for Real Spicy, who remained unbeaten in six runs at the Carmona, Cavite, track.

In another thriller, Empire King responded to the strong handling of Ladiana to frustrate the Jonathan Hernandez-steered Cover Girl in their 1,750-m battle.

Empire King vaulted ahead nearing the home turn as Cover Girl and stablemate West Bound loomed from behind but Ladiana gave his mount another gear to eventually triumph and pick up the P600,000 first prize for the Lee Stable.

Sired by Perfect Halo out of Carta Nueve, the Sandy Javier-bred Empire King clocked 1:50.5 (10-23-25-25.5-27).

Inspired by Real Spicy's triumph, Dilema scored again later in the day when he piloted longest shot Sir Golden Score to victory in the first leg of the All-Imported Stakes Series. Dilema rode the winner for only the first time in place of the injured regular rider Dominador Borbe Jr.

Philracom welcomes charges filed by Dagan

NO ONE can blackmail the Philracom and dictate to it what to do.

Jimmy Dilag, chair of the Philippine Racing Commission, declared this yesterday as he welcomed the filing of graft charges by a horseowner against him and six other officials of the racing body.

"We are open to any investigation so we can all clear our names but we can't be dictated upon by anybody as long as we are implementing the racing rules properly," said Dilag, reacting to allegations by an unlicensed horseowner who filed graft and malversation case against him and his fellow board members last Wednesday.

Dilag stressed that the charges filed by William Dagan could be an offshoot of the Philracom's testing program on the equine anemia virus (EIA) which Dagan and few of his supporters vehemently protested.

"As I said earlier, it's a recycled issue that is becoming a personal attack against Philracom officials," Dilag emphasized.

Dagan's group questioned the racing body's handling of the (EIA) program which, in turn, was strongly backed by the three major horseowners groups in the country—the Marho, Philtobo and Klub Don Juan de Manila—as well as several lawmakers who hailed the program as timely and a boost to the local racing industry.

The New Philippine Jockeys Association of the Philippines, meanwhile, reiterated yesterday its full support to the Philracom. "We fully support the Philracom program in general and its officials in particular," said NPJA president Manolito Daquis.

It can be recalled that Dagan's camp recently suffered a major setback when a court denied its bid to stop the program. Dagan's group also disregarded a recommendation by the Makati government regarding the proper implementation of the fight against the dreaded horse disease.

"Our conscience is clear. Let's hope these things would be resolved soonest so we can all move on and continue implementing the programs for the racing industry," added Dilag, who was charged along with commissioners Eduardo Jose, Eduardo Domingo Jr., Vergel Cruz, Rogelio Tandiama and Reynaldo Fernando, as well as acting racing director Romeo Buencamino.

Dagan had alleged that Dilag and company caused the government to lose more than P28 million through overpayments to the Manila Jockey Club and Philippine Racing Club of advances for the prize money of winning horses. *Edwin Villanueva, Contributor*

Tribu Sugbu dribblers all set to defend crown

TRIBU Sugbu (Cebu Tribes) basketball squad owner Lito Gillamac Jr. said yesterday "we're ready to defend out title" after unveiling his team's roster for the Panasonic-NBC championship.

Despite the loss to the PBL of five players who delivered the crown to the Skygo/Sirlitz-backed team last year, Gillamac and coach Al Solis have still managed to form a strong squad led by Ruben de la Rosa and Jeffrey Sanders.

Other members of the team are Ronald Bucao, Doroteo Almacin, Dante Elim, Alex Cainglet, ex-pro Lowell Briones, Russ Neil Paglinawan, Jesse Binongo, Rex Mangubat and former Ozamiz stars Chris Ferraren and Melfred Sampilo.

TRIBU Sugbu owner Lito Gillamac Jr. (left) and NBC secretary general Tito Palma after the contract signing

The Tribes' main man, Jercules Tangkay was named playing/assistant coach since he's still recuperating from a knee surgery.

"The boys are ready and raring to go," said Gillamac.

The Tribes will compete in the southern division of the BAP-sanctioned loop together with the Ozamiz Cotta, Iloilo Warriors, Cagayan de Oro Stars, Valencia Golden Harvest and Iligan.

Global City run listing tomorrow

REGISTRATION for the 1st Global City Fun Run slated April 24 starts tomorrow at the ground floor of the Vasquez Madrigal Plaza Building at 51 Annapolis Street, San Juan.

The race which features 3-K, 5-K and 10-K distances will be held at the Bonifacio Global City and is part of the district's six-week Summer Festival every weekend which ends in May. The 3-K race is for kids 6 to 12 years old while the 5-K and 10-K events are for runners 13 years and older.

Registration fee is P150, with all finishers receiving T-shirts. Deadline for submission of entries is on April 20. The registration center is open Monday to Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Sundays, the center is open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Other events in the festival are mountainbike races and clinics, kite flying, a paintball challenge, and an ultimate Frisbee competition.

For inquiries, call 7279987 for the Fun Run, 049-5411396 for the bike races, and 5644100 for the paintball challenge.

Youthful Rico Villanueva comes of age

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo

WATCH out for Red Bull Barako.

Even though it is playing with a depleted lineup, it is still a team to reckon with in this year's Gran Matador PBA Fiesta Conference.

At the moment, Red Bull sports a respectable 3-2 slate in the standings behind early leaders Purefoods, Talk 'N Text, Shell and San Miguel Beer. And although wounded by the departure of big men Davonn Harp and Mick Pennisi, the Barakos have remained title contenders having scored well-deserved victories over crowd favorite Barangay Ginebra and star-studded San Miguel Beer.

Last Friday, Red Bull beat Sta. Lucia Realty to bounce back from a previous loss to Purefoods behind vastly improved Rico Villanueva, the former Ateneo King Eagle, and newly acquired EJ Feihl, (from Alaska), who marked his debut with the Barakos by scoring his first ever double figures in the pro league since July 2003.

"We prepared well for this match after losing our last game [to Purefoods]," said the 25-year-old Villanueva, who shot 26 points and hauled down 11 rebounds in leading his team to victory.

A 6-foot-5 banger, Villanueva was acquired by coach Yeng Guiao in the seventh round of the 2003 PBA draft. And because of his admirable attitude, God-given talent and skills, he is destined to become one of the league's superstars.

"He is a fast learner," Guiao said of Villanueva. "He works hard and stays focused on his game."

A source of pride and inspiration to the Photokina franchise owned by health buff and successful businessman George Chua, Villanueva represents a new generation of hard-working, disciplined and determined players.

"The Ateneo community is indeed proud of Rico's performance," Arben Santos, one of Villanueva's trusted advisers, once told this writer. "As you acknowledged, we too are very much confident that Rico can carry on the same discipline and commitment he lived by when he was in the Ateneo."

As an amateur cager, Villanueva won the Most Valuable Player award of the University Athletic Association of the Philippines for helping Ateneo snare the UAAP title in 2002. In the Philippine Basketball League, Villanueva led the Ateneo-Hapee-Negros Navigation team to the PBL Chairman's Cup championship, winning in the process three different MVP awards—the PBL MVP, the Finals MVP and the PBL Press Corps MVP. He was also named the "Best Amateur Basketball Player" of 2002 by the Philippine Sportswriters Association.

"All the hard work is paying off for Enrico," said Santos in an interview with sports scribe Dennis Eroa. "He's on the right track with his winning outlook."

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MURAD'S MACHINATIONS EXPOSED. As far as I am concerned, I have done my duty as a watchdog for Philippine pro boxing by alerting people on what to expect from glib-tongued and clever American promoter Murad Muhammad.

I have already warned the public about the pitfalls of dealing with Murad even before his backstage machinations were exposed by boxer Manny Pacquiao, but there were too few who cared to listen and there were far too many who fell for the American promoter hook, line and sinker. What a shame.

Pacquiao said he has learned his lessons well, stressing that Murad, among other "sins," also duped him of his pay-per-view share (from his recent fight against Mexico's Erik Morales). "I was not included in the PPV proceeds (more or less $3 million) even though he did nothing while I risked my life fighting atop the ring."

He said he is filing charges against Murad. Pacquiao also felt bad that some people in his camp made money from the PPV deal without his knowledge. However, he said, "No comment," when asked about the role played by Rod Nazario, his longtime business manager.

If Pacquiao pushes through with his suit against Murad, I suggest that boxing man and lawyer Raul Daza extend a helping hand.

Veteran boxing manager, Hermie Rivera, also bewailed the exclusion of Pacquiao from the PPV deal. In a recent television show Rivera asked: "*Bakit wala si* Manny *sa* PPV contract? Why did his people allow this travesty to happen? Did Murad hide the PPV contract from Pacquiao?"

Pacquiao's American trainer, Freddie Roach, also said Murad made more money than Pacquiao, which should not be the case.

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VERBRUGGEN: Impressed ERIK ARAZAS

World cycling body tapping RP as training hub

By Jasmine W. Payo

LOCAL cycling received good news yesterday after Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) president Hein Verbruggen announced plans of tapping the Philippines as venue of the first cycling training center in Southeast Asia.

"It's our intention to have a regional training center here," said Verbruggen at the Century Park Sheraton Hotel.

"We plan to send trainers, coaches from our world training center in Switzerland, and we can even support the center financially," said Verbruggen, noting that China and Japan are the only other Asian countries that house the world-class facility.

Verbruggen also offered one Filipino cyclist an all-expense paid training in Switzerland. Bert Lina, Philippine Amateur Cycling Association president, said that he would convene with his board to decide who among the country's top cyclists will get the rare opportunity.

Verbruggen, a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in the 2008 Beijing Games, expressed optimism that construction plans for a regional training center would push through.

"We're still working on the details, like how long the track would be or can the athletes stay there," said Verbruggen.

The proposed site for the training center is a five-hectare land in Tagaytay City.

"With the help of the cycling board and Tagaytay City, we'll make this thing happen," said Lina, who had already met with Tagaytay City Mayor Bambol Tolentino to discuss the project.

UCI is also planning to build a training center in South Africa. Other countries having this facility are Switzerland, the world training center, Ukraine, Cuba, Lithuania, China and Japan.

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NESTEA BEACH VOLLEY

PCU, Far Eastern U lead semifinal cast

THE TOP two women seeds from Luzon had very little trouble advancing into the Boracay stage of the 9th Nestea Beach Volley tournament yesterday.

Philippine Christian University, the reigning NCAA champion and the No. 1 team after the two-day elimination round, dumped No. 8 Letran, 21-17, while No. 2 Far Eastern U downed No. 7 Adamson, 21-14, before a big Sunday crowd at the La Salle Greenhills.

Also advancing after pulling out uphill wins were No. 3 St. Benilde, which stunned sister-team and No. 6 La Salle, 22-20, and No. 5 University of Baguio, which ousted No. 4 Ateneo, 21-19.

The winners earned tickets to the semis and finals scheduled in Boracay on May 5 to 7 and remained in contention for the champion's purse of P100,000 in cash and P50,000 in sports equipment for the schools they represent.

The men's quarterfinal round was being played at presstime.

The four pairings are No. 1 St. Benilde versus No. 8 Lyceum, No. 2 Adamson against No. 7 La Salle, No. 3 FEU against No. 6 UP Los Baños and No. 4 PATTS Aeronautical School versus No. 5 St. Francis of Assisi.

The reigning champion in the men's division is San Jose Recoletos while the women's reigning titlist is Southwestern University—both from the Visayas.

The tournament takes a break today and resumes tomorrow with the Visayas elims. A dozen teams each from the men's and women's divisions will see action for two days with the top four also advancing to Boracay.

The Mindanao elims will be staged Wednesday also at La Salle Greenhills. Since there are only eight teams from each group, the top four after the elims will make it outright to the semis and finals in Boracay.

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Ai Ai: Make it apple green

By Marinel R. Cruz
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

COMEDIAN Ai Ai de las Alas says she has always dreamed of having a bedroom that's fit for a princess.

This is why her bedroom will occupy half of the second floor of her soon-to-be-finished 650-sq. m. house in Quezon City.

"It will be huge, and with a big four-poster bed, big walk-in closet, big toilet and bath, and an attic," Ai Ai tells INQUIRER Entertainment in an interview at the White Plains home she is currently renting with her three kids—Sancho, Nicolo and Sophia.

"I will paint it apple green," she says. "I've been obsessed with that color since 2000; I don't know why. Every time I see something in apple green, I buy it, be it a pair of shoes, a bag or a piece of underwear. Even my sofa and laundry basket are in apple green. It was only recently that I realized *marami na pala ako nabili na* apple green."

OUT OF THE CLOSET

Right now, storage space is a big problem for her. She often forgets where her things are, Ai Ai says, for instance, expensive bags that friends have given her, shoes she has bought abroad, even scented candles that she has been collecting for years.

"When the house is finished, I'll finally come up with an effective system of storing my things," she declares.

Ai Ai/ A2-6

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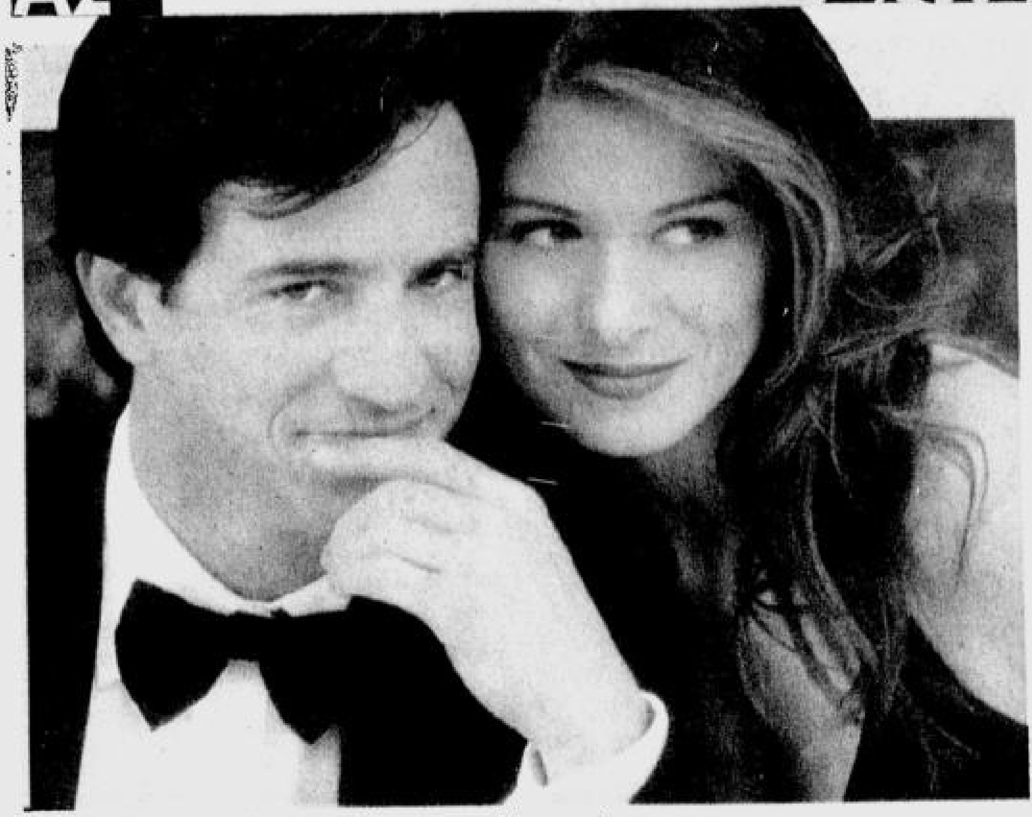

DEBRA Messing and Dermot Mulroney as a fake couple

Weddings, escorts, and shooting in England

TAKE FIVE

DEBRA Messing and Dermot Mulroney star in the romantic comedy, "The Wedding Date."

Messing plays Kat Ellis, who is looking for the right man—right now. She is attending a wedding in London where the best man is her handsome ex-boyfriend. The wedding, happening within the week, is her sister's, and the whole family is going to be there. So she needs to fly all the way from New York, where she's made her life, but not before she finds the perfect ... escort!

Mulroney plays Nick Mercer, one of NY's better-known and in-demand professional male escorts. He fills all of Kat's requirements: he is willing to travel, and he has keen social skills, good looks, suave demeanor, sharp mind and a tux.

The actors talk about weddings, escort services, family dynamics, and working in England.

MESSING: Even under the best of circumstances, weddings are stressful, funny, unpredictable events. Nothing ever goes the way you want or expect.

MULRONEY: Pretty much everyone has been to a wedding, so it's easy to relate to all the craziness.

MESSING: I loved the idea of an "everywoman" hiring an escort to help her create an illusion of a more exotic romantic life than she really has. How everyone in Kat's world responds when she shows up with Nick on her arm—because he's clearly a very handsome, dashing, sophisticated man—was really fascinating to me. Suddenly, everyone looks at her with new, accepting eyes just because he's standing next to her. That kind of judgment is very real, and also very interesting to observe.

MULRONEY: There were a lot of British terms we had to use, like "stroppy" (unreasonable, grumpy), "boot" (trunk), and "lift" (elevator), which became second-nature to us "Yanks" after a while. We'd all joke about the culture clash nature of the production and actually tried to bring some of those "American actor versus English actor" moments to our scenes, whether it was playing up on the different ways we speak, react, or carry ourselves. Clare (Kilner, director) encouraged us to have fun with that and it ended up serving the comedy really well.

MESSING: The English crew handled the inclement weather [impressively]. They're just so used to having to deal with it, they'd whip out their parkas, open their "brollies" (umbrellas) and they're good to go. As an American, I'm used to a little more consistency in the weather, so when it starts to rain, it's like, "Wow, what do we do now?" In London, there were a lot of people around to guide us like little ducklings and say, "Okay, come over here now." It's all part of the adventure.

MULRONEY: When you're shooting in England and it starts to rain, everyone just goes and stands under something until it blows over. If you're filming in California and it begins to rain, everybody starts panicking and mayhem ensues.

"The Wedding Date" opens in Manila on April 13.

'SAHARA' kicks off summer blockbusters

Matthew McConaughey and Penelope Cruz in 'SAHARA'

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7 GOLD (DOLBY)	BE COOL
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1 (DOLBY EX)	HOSTAGE
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3 (DTS ES)	FINAL CUT
4	MILLION DOLLAR BABYS

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1	MILLION DOLLAR BABYS
2	FINAL CUT
3 (DOLBY)	HOSTAGE
4 (DTS)	FIVE CHILDREN

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1	MASK-2 SON OF THE MASK
2	LEMONY SNICKETS
3 (DOLBY)	BUNSHINSABA
4 (DTS)	BAHAY NI LOLA

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2	BAHAY NI LOLA

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1 (DOLBY)	BE COOL
2 (DOLBY)	ROBOTS PREMIERE: SPONGEBOB SQUARE PANTS THE MOVIE
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2 (DOLBY)	HOSTAGE
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1	BAHAY NI LOLA
2	SHOU YOU TRAIN
3 (DOLBY)	ROBOTS
4 (DTS)	CONFIDENCE

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2	ROBOTS
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2	NED KELLY
3 (DTS)	ROBOTS
4 (DOLBY)	HITCH

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2	NED KELLY
3	BAHAY NI LOLA
4	ROBOTS

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1	KISKISAN
2	ALONE IN THE DARK

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HOSTAGE 1:15 / 3:50 / 6:25 / 9:00	THE PACIFIER 1:20 / 3:55 / 6:30 / 9:05

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❶ MISS CONGENIALITY 2 11:55 / 2:40 / 5:25 / 8:10	❹ BE COOL 11:00 / 1:20 / 3:40 / 6:00 / 8:20
❷ THE PACIFIER 12:35 / 3:10 / 5:45 / 8:20	❺ SHAOLIN vs EVIL DEAD 11:40 / 1:55 / 4:10 / 6:25 / 8:40
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CENTER EVENTS

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NEW STORES	*Mango and Figaro, both at the Upper Ground Floor of Gateway Mall*
PERFORMANCES	*Tropicana on April 8, Buhay on April 10, Shanice Michaels on April 9 at The Pavilion of Gateway Mall*

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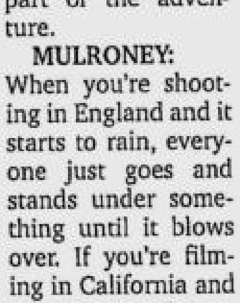

DID YOU KNOW...

Singer-actor Janno Gibbs and wife Bing Loyzaga, whose marriage is reportedly on the rocks, were seen having dinner on Easter Sunday at the Zatrattoria Gourmet, 5th Level of Shangri-La Mall in Mandaluyong City. The couple were with their kids and Janno's dad, Ronaldo Valdez.

AND now there are nine: (standing from L) Constantine Maroulis, Nikko Smith, Scott Savol (seated) Anthony Federov, Vonzell Solomon, Nadia Turner, Bo Bice, Anwar Robinson, Carrie Underwood

‘American Idol 4’ has it all—talents, thrills, drama

FROM New York, the Associated Press reported on Saturday that “American Idol” finalist Scott Savol was once arrested after a confrontation with his son’s mother—but it won’t cost the singer his shot at stardom.

Although several past contestants have been booted for not disclosing arrests, Savol was “forthcoming to the ‘American Idol’ producers and the network regarding his misdemeanor.” Fox TV, the producers, said in an earlier statement: “The situation did not warrant his disqualification.”

Ohio police documents posted on The Smoking Gun Website said Savol, now 28, had a confrontation with Michele Martin in February 2001. According to a Shaker Heights Police Department report, the couple had decided to separate, but when Savol arrived at Martin’s mother’s home to collect his belongings, he called Martin “several vulgar names,” “pulled an engagement ring off her finger” and “stated he was also going to take their son.”

When Martin threatened to call police, Savol shoved her, pulled the phone from her hand and then threw it at her, striking her in the chest and causing the phone to break, the police report said.

Savol was arrested on a felony domestic violence charge but pleaded to misdemeanor disorderly conduct. He was fined $500, ordered to complete an anger management or domestic violence program, placed on a year’s probation and sentenced to a suspended 20-day jail term, according to the website.

Exciting

To say that AI4 is the most exciting season yet in the competition’s history is an understatement. Aside from the fact that the show continues to pull in millions of viewers weekly and that this year’s batch of finalists is the best ever, according to the judges themselves, AI4 has truly been replete with drama.

Crowd favorite Mario Vazquez quit the show after making it to the Final 12, citing, rather vaguely, “personal reasons” as excuse. His departure made the previously eliminated contestant Nikko Smith, son of St. Louis Cardinal hall-of-famer Ozzie Smith, return to the contest.

Then, during the Holy Week, judge Paula Abdul was sentenced by a Los Angeles, California, court to a two-year "unsupervised probation" after pleading no contest to hit-and-run charges. She had allegedly fled the scene of a minor car crash. The court commissioner also required the 1980s pop sensation to pay a fine of $300, penalties of $600 and damage restitution amounting to $775.

The elimination on March 24 was canceled due to an error in the vote numbers shown onscreen during the Top 11 performance recap at the end of the March 23 episode. The screw-up prompted the producers to rebroadcast and collect new votes.

So what?

And then there is a rumor circulating that one of the current finalists is gay. This guy apparently has no intention of hiding it, but sources said the producers had forbidden him to talk about it—at least not until the competition is over or after he is eliminated.

ANWAR: Special mention in the gossip mill

A couple of clues: He reminds us of Stevie Wonder, and he has one of the best voices this season.

Finally, last week, AI voters placed two of the strongest contenders in the bottom three. Host Ryan Seacrest said that 32.5 million votes were cast but not in favor of Anwar Robinson, Jessica Sierra or Nadia Turner.

Last year, girls ruled the final stretch—Fantasia Barrino, Diana DeGarmo and Jasmine Trias. This time around, the guys are shining brighter. The first three contestants to be eliminated were girls—Lindsey Cardinale, Mikalah Gordon and Jessica Sierra

The excitement continues with only nine finalists slugging it out, and just seven more weeks before America crowns the new Idol. Grand finale is set at the Kodak Theater in Hollywood on May 25. ‘American Idol’ airs Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 p.m. on ABC 5; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Star World. *With a report from AP*

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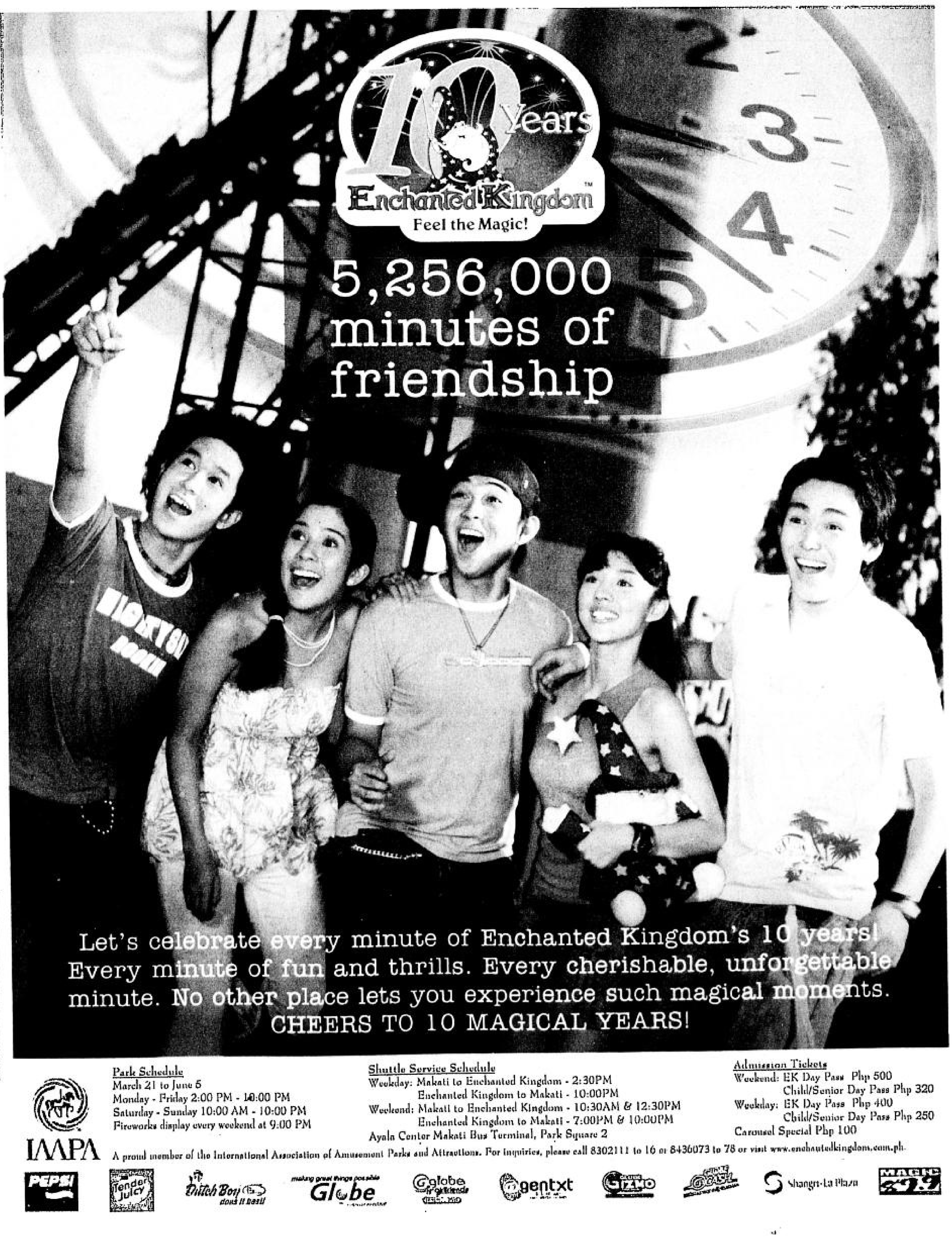

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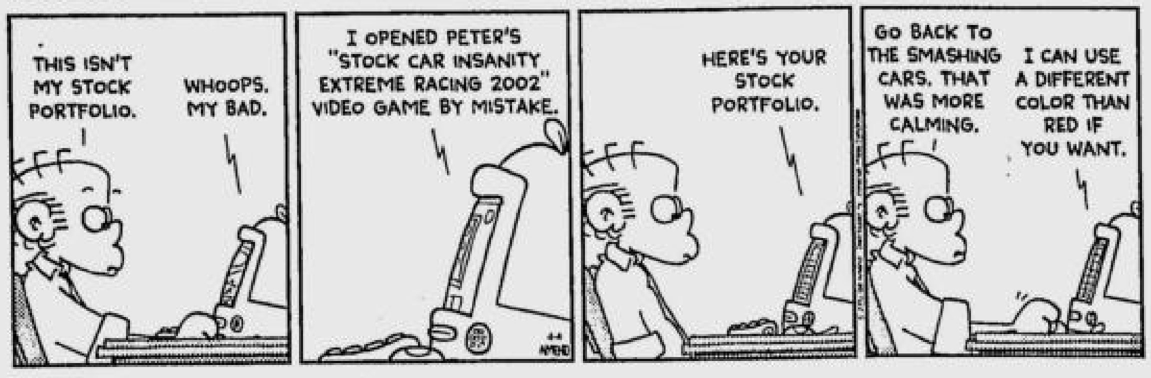
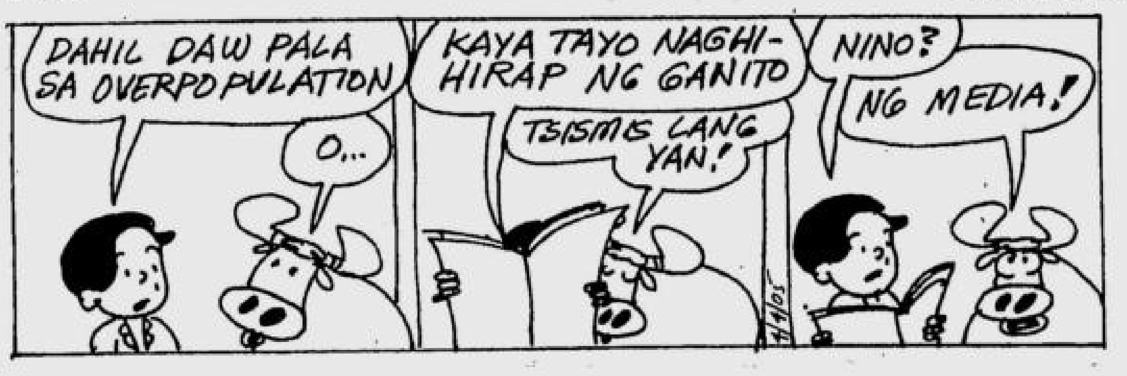
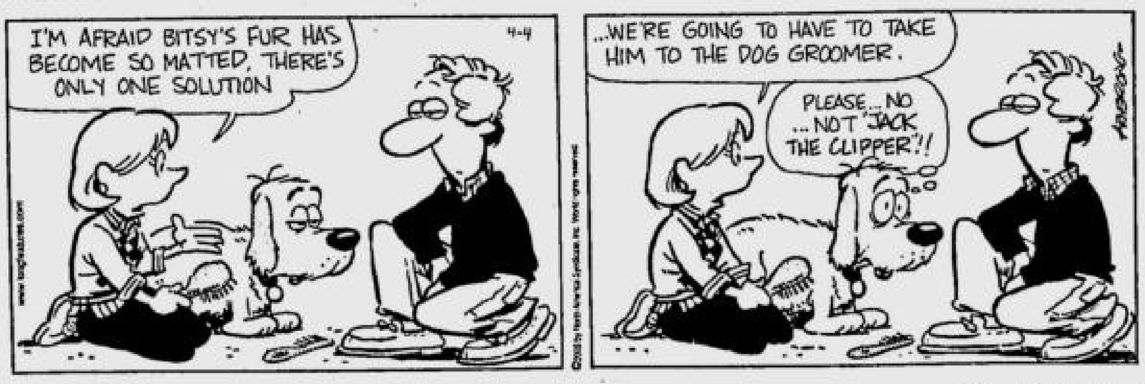

THIS ISN'T MY STOCK PORTFOLIO.
WHOOPS. MY BAD.
I OPENED PETER'S "STOCK CAR INSANITY EXTREME RACING 2002" VIDEO GAME BY MISTAKE.
HERE'S YOUR STOCK PORTFOLIO.
GO BACK TO THE SMASHING CARS. THAT WAS MORE CALMING.
I CAN USE A DIFFERENT COLOR THAN RED IF YOU WANT.

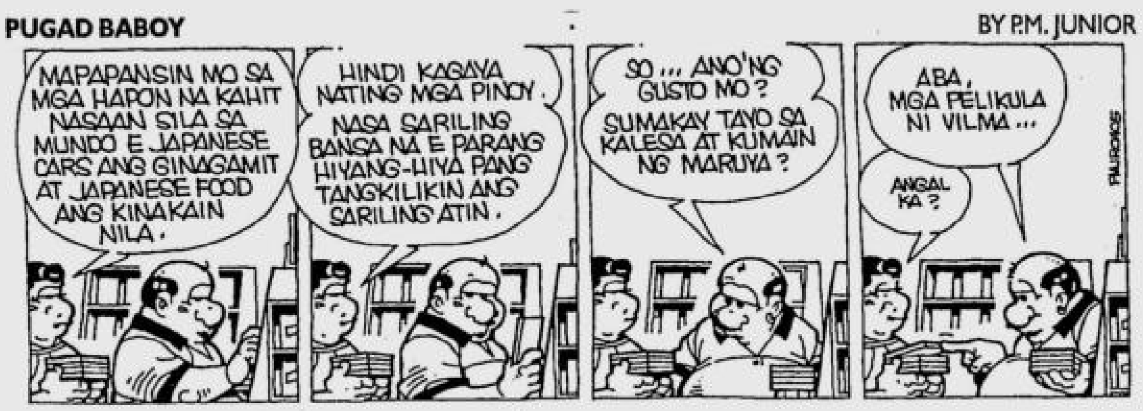
A. LIPIN BY JESS ABRERA


DAHIL DAW PALA SA OVERPOPULATION
O...
KAYA TAYO NAGHIHIRAP NG GANITO
TSISMIS LANG YAN!
NINO?
NG MEDIA!

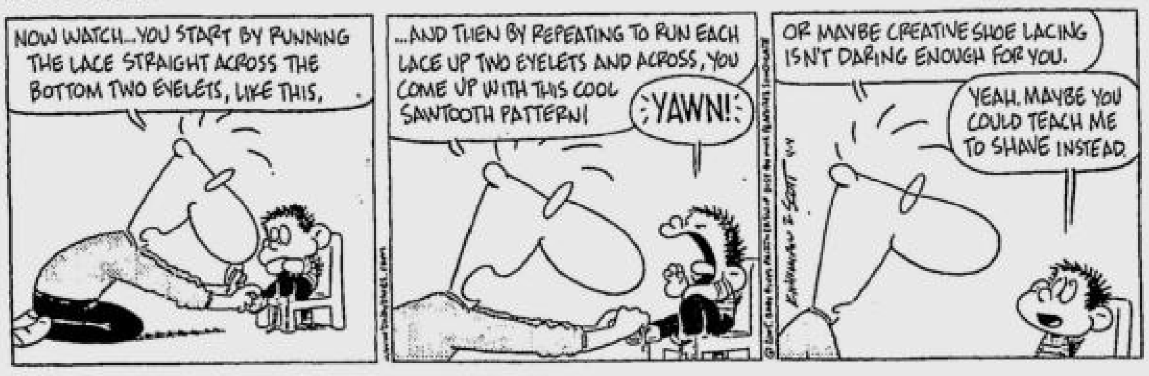
MARVIN BY TOM ARMSTRONG


I'M AFRAID BITSY'S FUR HAS BECOME SO MATTED, THERE'S ONLY ONE SOLUTION
...WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE HIM TO THE DOG GROOMER.
PLEASE... NO ...NOT "JACK THE CLIPPER"!!

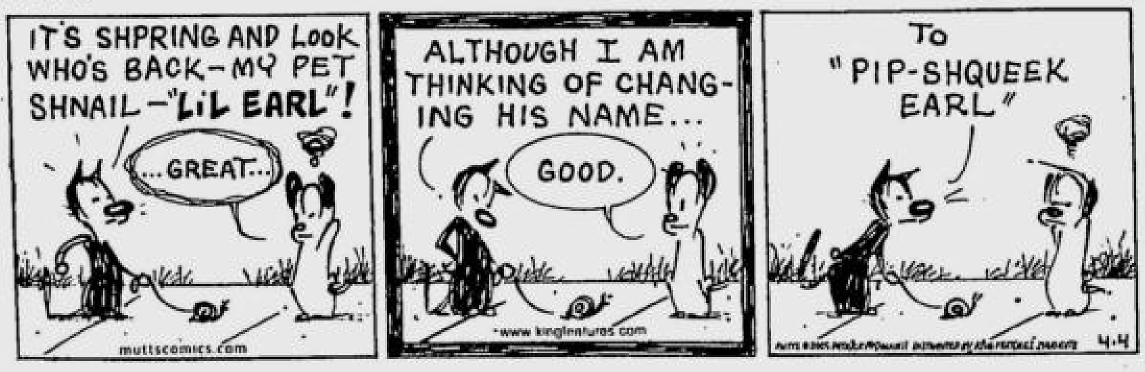
PUGAD BABOY BY P.M. JUNIOR


MAPAPANSIN MO SA MGA HAPON NA KAHIT NASAAN SILA SA MUNDO E JAPANESE CARS ANG GINAGAMIT AT JAPANESE FOOD ANG KINAKAIN NILA.
HINDI KAGAYA NATING MGA PINOY. NASA SARILING BANSA NA E PARANG HIYANG-HIYA PANG TANGKILIKIN ANG SARILING ATIN.
SO... ANO'NG GUSTO MO? SUMAKAY TAYO SA KALESA AT KUMAIN NG MARUYA?
ABA, MGA PELIKULA NI VILMA...
ANGAL KA?

BABY BLUES BY JERRY SCOTT


NOW WATCH...YOU START BY RUNNING THE LACE STRAIGHT ACROSS THE BOTTOM TWO EYELETS, LIKE THIS,
...AND THEN BY REPEATING TO RUN EACH LACE UP TWO EYELETS AND ACROSS, YOU COME UP WITH THIS COOL SAWTOOTH PATTERN!
YAWN!
OR MAYBE CREATIVE SHOE LACING ISN'T DARING ENOUGH FOR YOU.
YEAH. MAYBE YOU COULD TEACH ME TO SHAVE INSTEAD.

MUTTS BY PATRICK McDONNELL


IT'S SHPRING AND LOOK WHO'S BACK—MY PET SHNAIL—"LIL EARL"!
...GREAT...
ALTHOUGH I AM THINKING OF CHANGING HIS NAME...
GOOD.
TO "PIP-SHQUEEK EARL"
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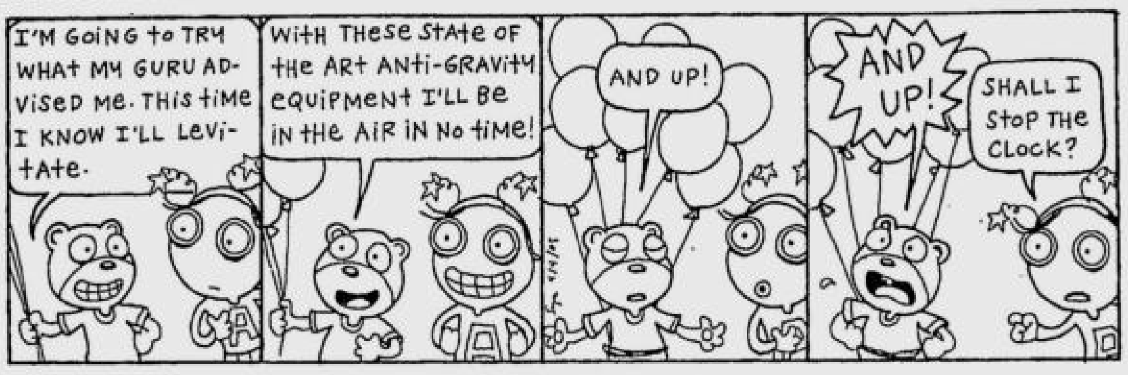
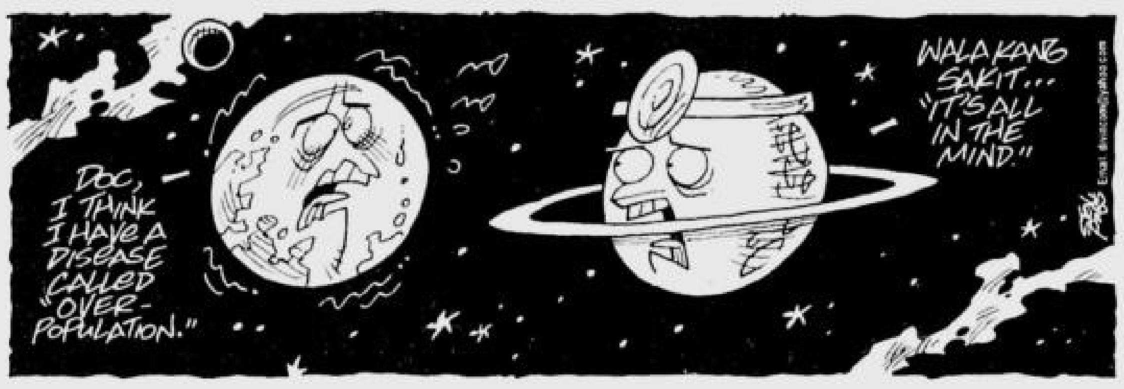
ATOMO AND WEBOY BY LYRA GARCELLANO


I'M GOING TO TRY WHAT MY GURU ADVISED ME. THIS TIME I KNOW I'LL LEVITATE.
WITH THESE STATE OF THE ART ANTI-GRAVITY EQUIPMENT I'LL BE IN THE AIR IN NO TIME!
AND UP!
AND UP!
SHALL I STOP THE CLOCK?

DIVINE COMEDY BY STEVEN PABALINAS


DOC, I THINK I HAVE A DISEASE CALLED "OVERPOPULATION."
WALA KANG SAKIT... "IT'S ALL IN THE MIND."

HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You often have to fight for what you want. And you're certainly not afraid to do this. You are courageous and ambitious, and you have lots of energy! You also see things in a fresh, new way. Your innovations amaze others. You want to succeed at whatever you do. The year ahead favors all social activity. New love can begin. Birthdate of: Maya Angelou, poet; Craig T. Nelson, actor; Muddy Waters, legendary blues guitarist.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Meet friends for some lighthearted fun today. Plan lunch or a coffee break with someone. Female friends in particular have something they want to share with you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Discussions with a parent are significant today. Call home. Someone in your family needs a bit of extra attention.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): You have a strong desire to escape from boring routine today. Therefore, if you can indulge this need in some way, do it!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): You are emotional; that's just who you are. Today you feel everything quite intensely. Don't let yourself get carried away about anything. This feeling passes in a few days.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): With the Moon opposite your sign today, you have to be more accommodating to others. Be patient. Listen to what they have to say. Smile a lot.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): This is a good day to shop for drugstore items—shampoo, conditioner, soap, razors, toothpaste, etc. Coincidentally, it's also a good day to shop for hygiene items for your pet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): You feel very flirtatious and playful today. You want some fun! It's a great day to go to the theater or a professional sports game or to catch a movie. Accept all invitations (except to visit boring relatives!).

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Discussions with family members, and parents in particular, are very significant today. You can't avoid them. If nothing else, just listen.

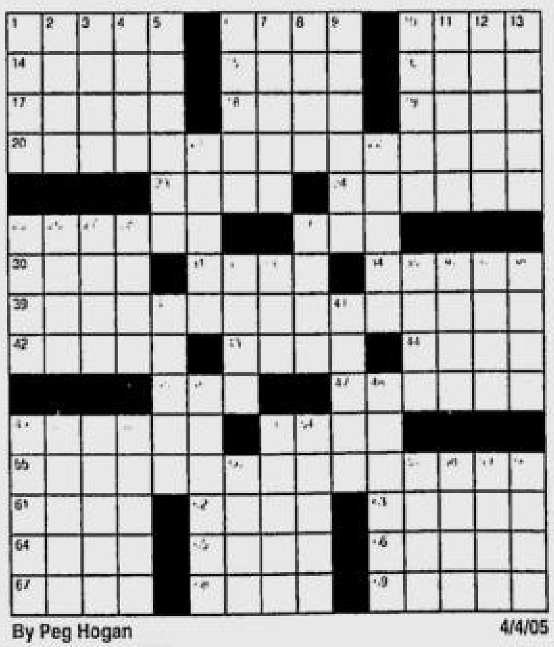
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Your communication with others can be meaningful, if you can maintain some degree of objectivity. It's easy to get emotionally carried away today. (Caution.)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): It's easy to identify with your possessions today. This makes you less willing to let others use things you own. That's OK. You like your things to last a long time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): It's a tricky day. You can be emotionally giving, but on the other hand, you can also be emotionally demanding today. It's hard to find a balance.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): You need a bit of privacy today. Frankly, you're exhausted. One can only do so much. Try to steal some time just for you. Sneak off and have a coffee somewhere or a little nap or a long bath.

DAILY CROSSWORD



By Peg Hogan
East Syracuse, NY

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ACROSS

1 San __, CA
6 Swamp snapper?
10 Sooty matter
14 Egyptian leader Sadat
15 Patriot Nathan
16 Launder
17 New York city
18 Open a little
19 Belly problem
20 Almost weightless
23 Shade trees
24 Off the liner
25 Vitiate
29 Pacino and Hirt
30 Israel's airline
31 Time for a showdown
34 Church passage
39 Symbol of success
42 Actress Shire
43 Dog's bane
44 Stance
45 "Playboy" founder's nickname
47 Reaping tool
49 Trying time
53 Cleansing routine
55 Similar souls
61 "Blackboard Jungle" author Hunter
62 Shroud of gloom
63 Connecting rooms
64 Yemen capital
65 Writer Bombeck
66 Utter boredom
67 BPOE members
68 Musical interval
69 Performed again

DOWN

1 Handle roughly
2 Against
3 Small stick
4 To __ his own
5 Sermonizes
6 Abyss
7 Indian rulers
8 Norwegian saint
9 Breakfast choice
10 Lawnmower's wake
11 Tijuana tough
12 Wedding-party member
13 Over yonder
21 Coeur d'__, ID
22 Very, in music
25 Skillful
26 Zeno of __
27 Semitic deity
28 High: pref
29 __ of Cleves
32 Composer of "Carmina Burana"
33 Slick liquid
35 Cosby/Culp TV series
36 Aberdeen man
37 Bind with rope
38 Rapier's relative
40 Out-of-sight fences
41 Undue speed
46 Impetuous groom
48 Pursuer
49 Very overweight
50 Alternative beau
51 Took a swig
52 Ferber and O'Brien
53 Salves
54 G-sharp
56 Cab tab
57 Dancer Tommy
58 Rear
59 Needle case
60 Tim or Beryl

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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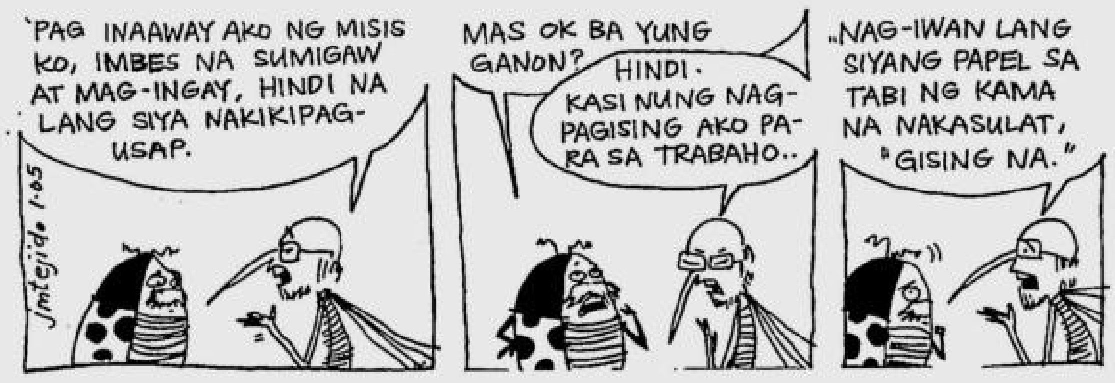
'PAG INAAWAY AKO NG MISIS KO, IMBES NA SUMIGAW AT MAG-INGAY, HINDI NA LANG SIYA NAKIKIPAG-USAP.
MAS OK BA YUNG GANON?
HINDI. KASI NUNG NAGPAGISING AKO PARA SA TRABAHO..
NAG-IWAN LANG SIYANG PAPEL SA TABI NG KAMA NA NAKASULAT, "GISING NA."
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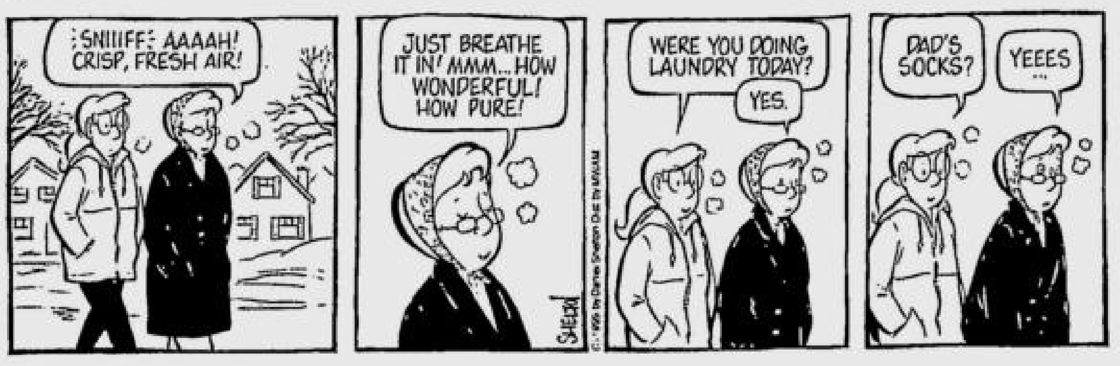
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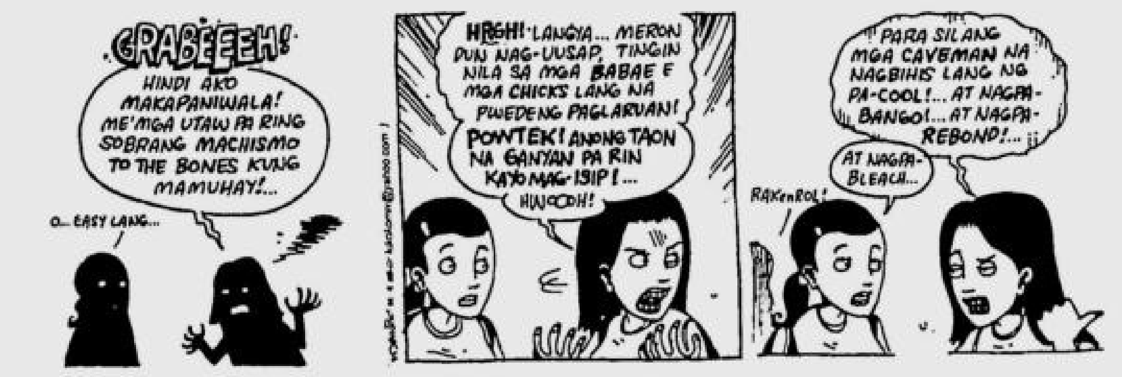
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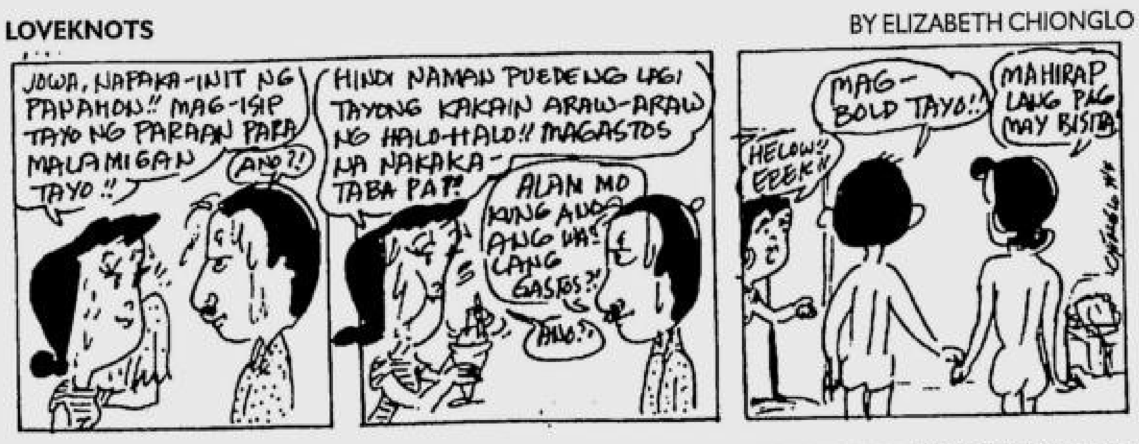
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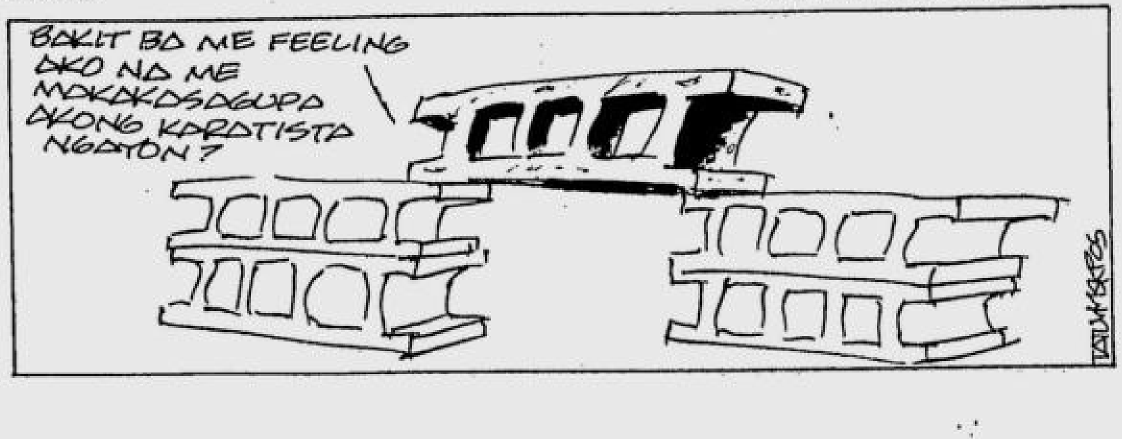
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Worm in the Big Apple challenges new 'CSI' team

FANS of the hit TV show "CSI" are looking forward to the telecast tomorrow of the program's new edition, "CSI: New York," at 9 p.m. on AXN.

The program's third series takes its action from Las Vegas and Miami to the Big Apple, with **Gary Sinise** topbilling. Sinise plays Detective Mac Taylor, head of a team of dedicated CSI agents.

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

The members of his team include his workaholic partner, Detective Stella Bonasera (**Melina Kanakaredes**); Danny Meese (**Carmine Giovinazzo**), a Brooklyn-born investigator with a colorful family history; Dr. Sheldon Hawkes (**Hill Harper**), a reclusive coroner; and Aiden Burn (**Vanessa Ferlito**), a smart and sexy investigator with the chameleon-like ability to adapt to any situation.

GARY Sinise and Melina Kanakaredes in the gritty new CSI series
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What does "CSI: New York" have to offer that's different from the Miami and Las Vegas editions? Basically, it's the unique worm in the Big Apple that entices: New York seems to attract a different, edgier and smarter kind of criminal, so the new team of CSI agents has its work cut out for it in trying to keep one step ahead of the city's super-crafty bad guys.

In Episode One, for instance, two bodies turn up within days of each other, showing signs of having met the same killer in their dying moments. Then, Mac Taylor's investigation leads him to another victim—who is still alive!

As Mac delves deeper into the mystery of this woman who can no longer speak, feel or move, he begins to make chilling discoveries about the killer's bizarre methods of abduction.

Asian Connection

THERE are no Asian singers among the 2005 "American Idol" finalists, but another US TV talent search, "Fame" has awarded its top prize to pint-sized Chinese-American talent Harlemm Lee. Fil-American Jamisen Tiongco was also a finalist in the competition.

Lee's victory was a big surprise, because he's short, bald-headed and no heartthrob. And yet, he got the most text-votes from viewers because he knew how to "sell" a song, and his performances were always deeply felt and inventive.

The Asian singer's triumph was made even more unexpected, because Lee had earlier confessed that he had lied about his age, for fear of losing because he was older than all of the other finalists. (He said he was 27, but he was in fact 36 years old.)

Well, Lee's confession apparently impressed viewers, so instead of rejecting him, they boosted his chances even more, enabling him to romp off with the singing tilt's top plum. Hurray for Asian talent—and honesty!

'Pasyon'

ON EXHIBIT at the CCP's Bulwagang Fernando Amorsolo (Small Gallery) until April 10 is "Pasyon," featuring stations 8 to 14 of Carlos V. Francisco's "Way of the Cross" paintings from the collection of the Salesians of Don Bosco. The Salesians are selling the paintings to raise funds for their various charity projects for underprivileged youths. For particulars, call 8323702.

Sneak previews

"GUESS Who," last week's top-grossing movie at the US box office, will have sneak previews on April 11 and 12 in selected Metro Manila theaters.

The comedy is a remake of the 1967 drama, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," starring **Sidney Poitier, Katharine Hepburn** and **Spencer Tracy**. The 2005 production follows a young man (**Ashton Kutcher**) as he meets his fiancee's father (**Bernie Mac**) for the first time. The black *pater* is nonplussed when he sees that his daughter (**Zoe Saldaña**) is going to marry a white guy.

'Miss Congeniality'

SANDRA Bullock's hit starrer, "Miss Congeniality," is now a DeLuxe Edition DVD and VCD from Warner Home Video. Extra features include sneak-peek footage of the sequel, "Armed and Fabulous," three additional scenes, two commentaries, and a Do You Have What It Takes To Be a Beauty Queen quiz hosted by William Shatner. In addition, a "Miss Congeniality" Gift Set will include the sequel's CD soundtrack.

'Living with Refugees'

AT 6 P.M. on April 9, "CNN Presents" telecasts "Living with Refugees." The one-hour documentary shows the extraordinary hardship of life as a refugee, as witnessed by award-winning journalist **Sorious Samura**.

The journalist traveled to Chad to spend a month with a family in a refugee camp, living under the same conditions.

Feedback

FROM **Stephanie Reyes**: "I was just wondering why you would say that only on Philippine TV can you see bikini-clad women and men in the morning and at noon, when children are watching. I do love your column so much, but in Central and South America, Mexico, Brazil and Colombia, sexuality is a way of life, and parents and children have embraced it.

"There, daytime TV shows are filled with bikini-clad women, and they don't seem to mind. When we first went there on vacation, we were laughing, me being Filipino and my husband being midwestern American.

"We just couldn't help but be flabbergasted at what we were watching, but they told us that there it's natural, they do not put malice in it . . ."

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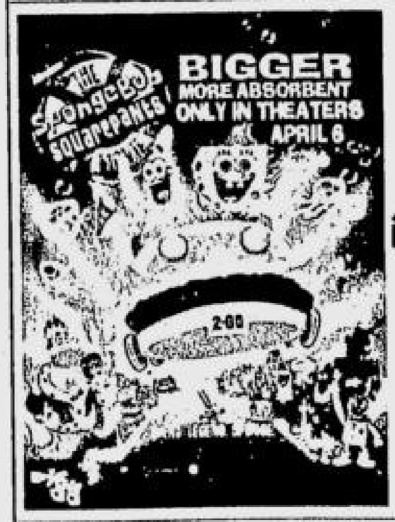

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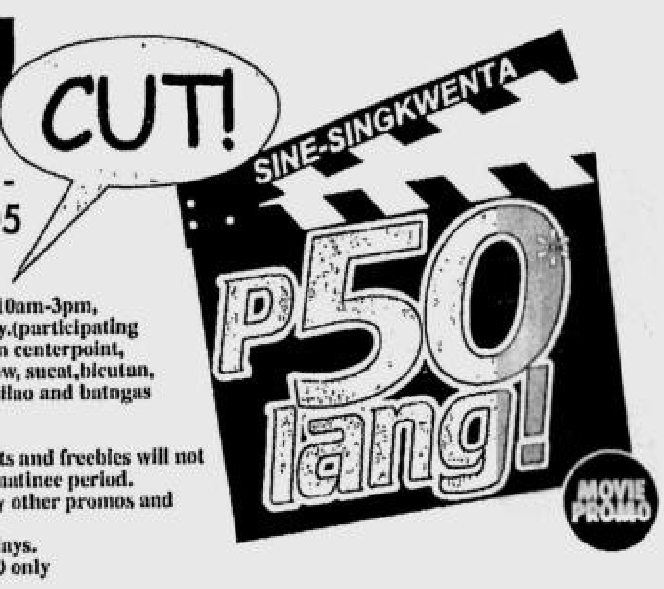

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Ai Ai: Make it apple green

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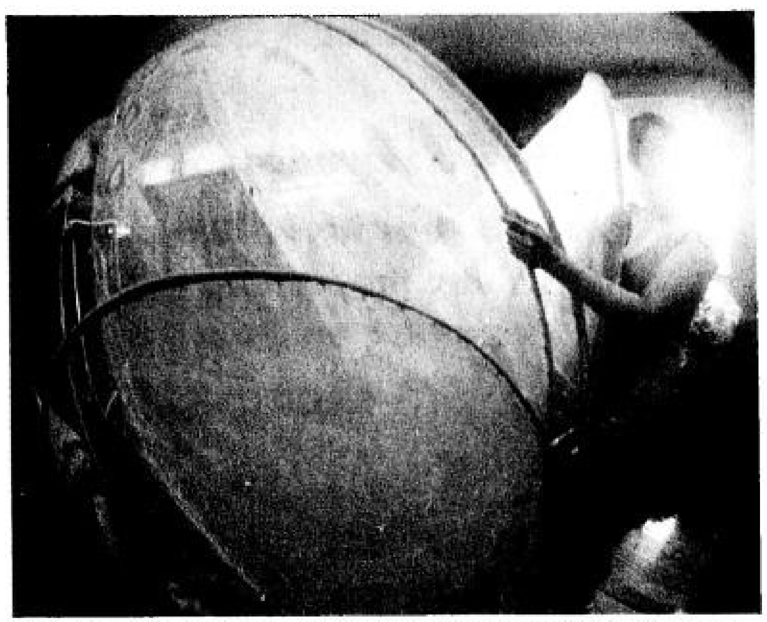
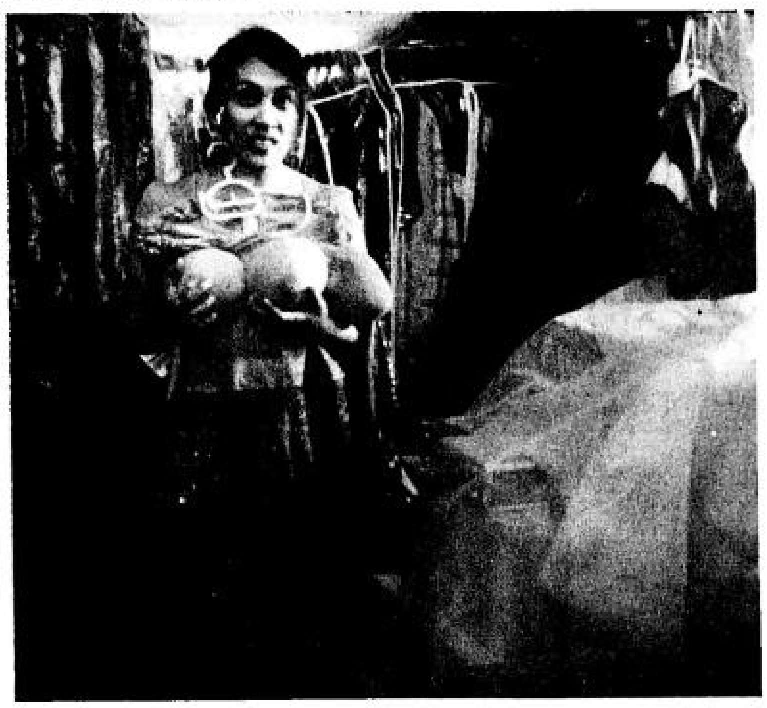
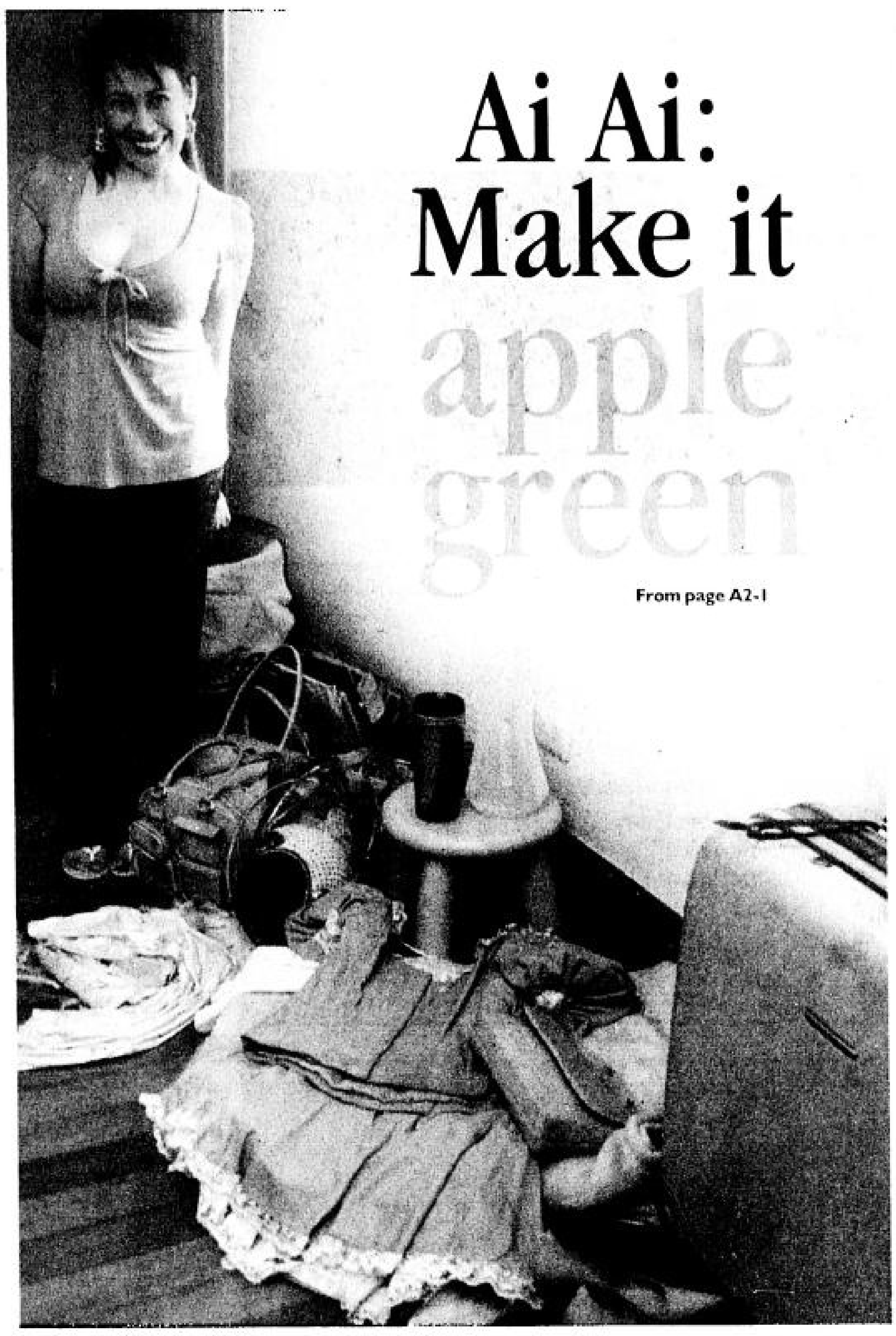

WINGS, too big for lounge shows but, she says, perfect for the song 'On the Wings of Love.'


AI AI shocks audiences with this triple-breast costume.

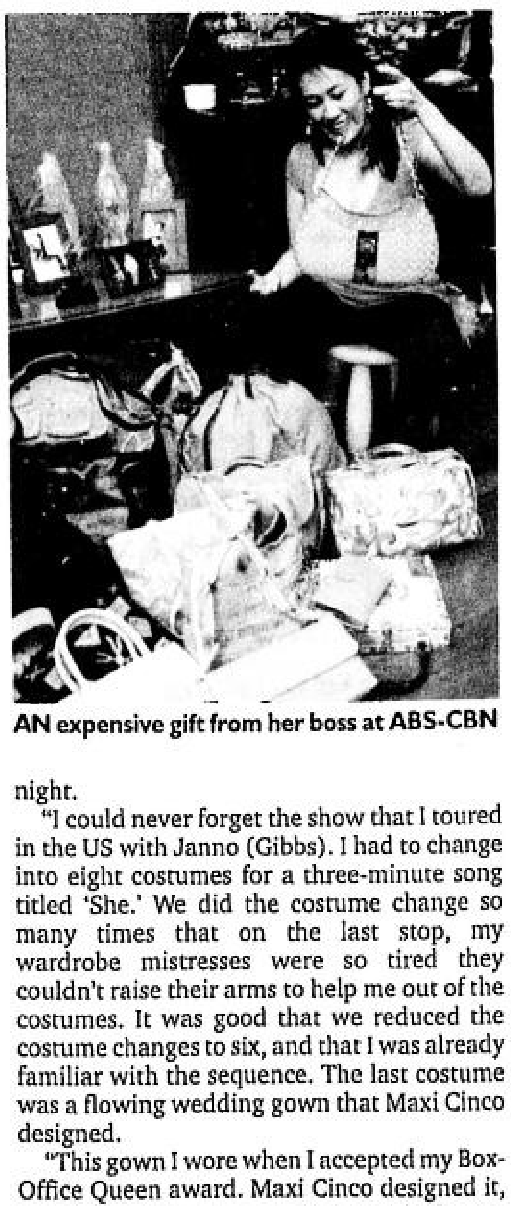
MARILYN Monroe bag, from a flea market in Australia


APPLE green mania—bags, mugs, shoes, headdresses and soon, her new house

SHE goes for pointed shows, with not too high heels

THIS is her idea of mixing and matching

SHE buys show boots abroad to avoid wearing the same stuff as her audience


AN expensive gift from her boss at ABS-CBN

SHOES

"I've always had difficulty buying boots because I'm only a size 5, so this dark brown pair from Adolf is really special. I bought this in the United States. It took me five days to find it. I like it because it's pointed, and not too high.

"I have another couple of pairs that I wear only for shows. I buy all of them abroad. I don't want to be wearing the same stuff as my audience.

"The black-and-white, polka-dotted, high-heeled sandals are my favorite because, again, they're pointed. Normally, I wear them with black pants and white polo. Feeling *ko* sexy *ako—si* Gretchen Barretto *ako*—when I use them. The pair has been with me for a year now.

"If you notice, I have shoes that are of the same style but different colors. I like to mix and match them. When someone asks me, '*Bakit ganyan ang suot mo*?' I shoot back, '*E bakit ka nakikialam*?' I like being different.

"When it comes to rubber shoes, I prefer slip-ons. I don't drive with shoes on. I find it very convenient to just slip off my rubber shoes when I drive and slip them back on afterwards.

"When I play badminton, I use only my Yonex rubber shoes. They're especially made for taraflex floors. Look at how dirty they are now. I've not washed them since I bought them a year ago. *Lumulutong kasi ang* rubber.

"I bought a pair of Gucci loafers but I never use it. It's so expensive *kasi*. I have a bag that matches it. I've had that for three years now. I got it in the States when I went there for a show. *Ayos ba? Mukhang mayaman?* (poses for the camera)."

BAGS

"My complete set of Benetton traveling bags is in apple green. I got it from Duty Free.

"This Lancel bag is one of my most expensive bags. I like big bags because I bring a lot of things. I get back aches because my bag is always so heavy.

"This lavender bag is also expensive. I didn't buy it, though. It's a gift from Tita Cory [Vidanes, ABS-CBN EVP for Entertainment]. I match it with my violet blouse. I also have a printed bag, a gift from Aubrey Miles.

"This small apple green bag is memorable because it is a gift from my son, Sancho, on my birthday last November.

"When you buy bags, go for those that are sturdy, even if you have to spend much. At least, the bags would last a long time. Plus, expensive leather is very light and does not easily get deformed.

"I bought this overnight bag because I was attracted to the elegant Marilyn Monroe design. Can you see her sparkling necklace? I used to put all my bank checks in it. I bought this in a market in Australia. I'm sure we have this in Greenhills."

COSTUMES

"I have a lot of headdresses, but my favorite is the battery-operated headpiece that's also in apple green. I wore it in one of my shows in Klownz, and it still works. (Ai Ai co-owns Klownz bar with comedian Allan K) I have a brassiere that matches it. Too but I can't find it.

"I still have the costume I wore in 'Volta' (the super hero Ai Ai played in Star Cinema's entry to the 2004 Metro Manila Film Festival). My favorite is the skirt that Volta wears for formal occasions. I first wore it during the movie's opening night.

"I could never forget the show that I toured in the US with Janno (Gibbs). I had to change into eight costumes for a three-minute song titled 'She.' We did the costume change so many times that on the last stop, my wardrobe mistresses were so tired they couldn't raise their arms to help me out of the costumes. It was good that we reduced the costume changes to six, and that I was already familiar with the sequence. The last costume was a flowing wedding gown that Maxi Cinco designed.

"This gown I wore when I accepted my Box-Office Queen award. Maxi Cinco designed it, too. I like it because people say I look very sexy in this gown.

"This three-breasted dress is my most memorable costume. I had one made for one of my Araneta shows. The boobs are really hard and they light up. The one I'm showing you right now is what I use when I tour the

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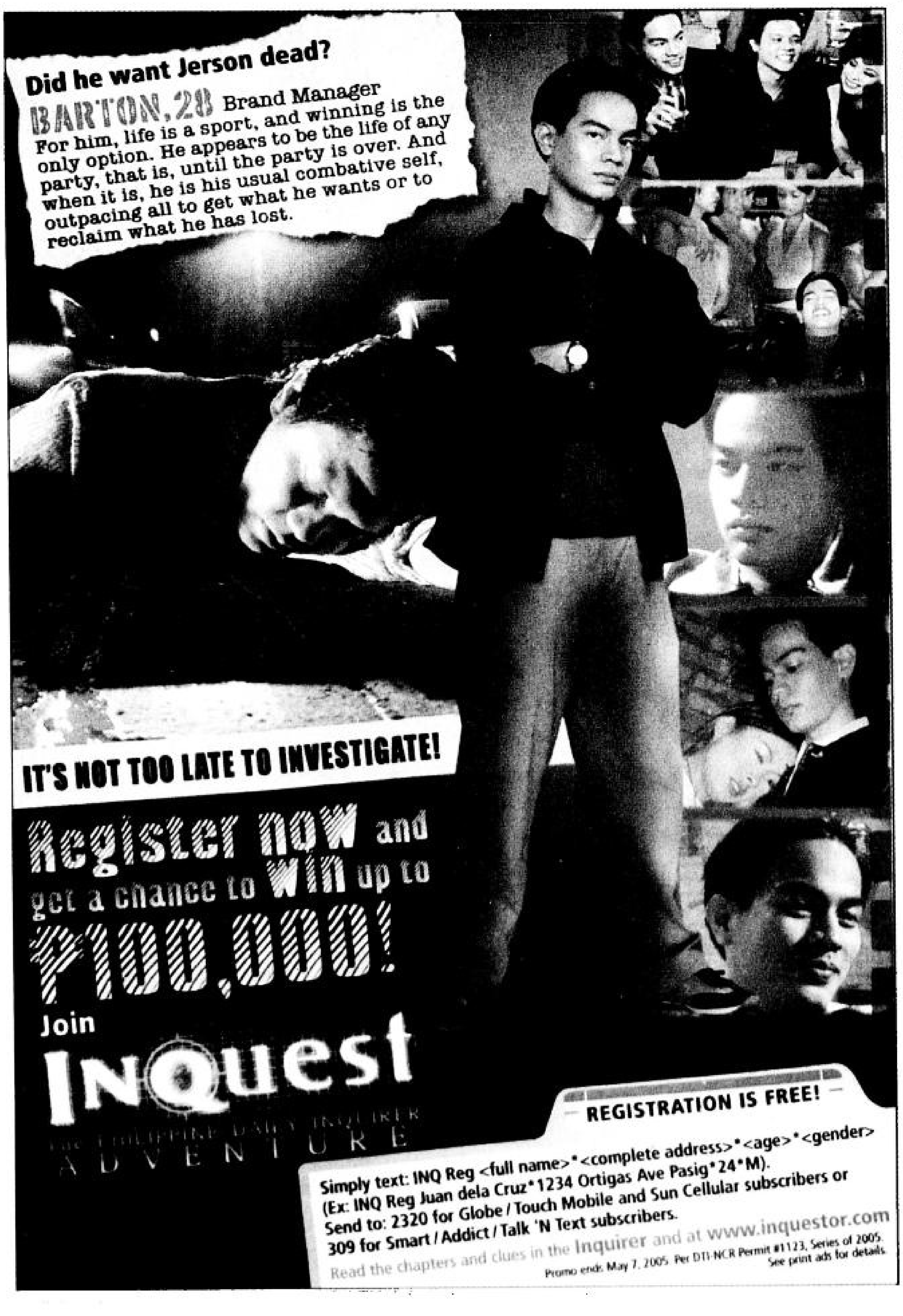
THE BELOVED flared jeans that she's had for four years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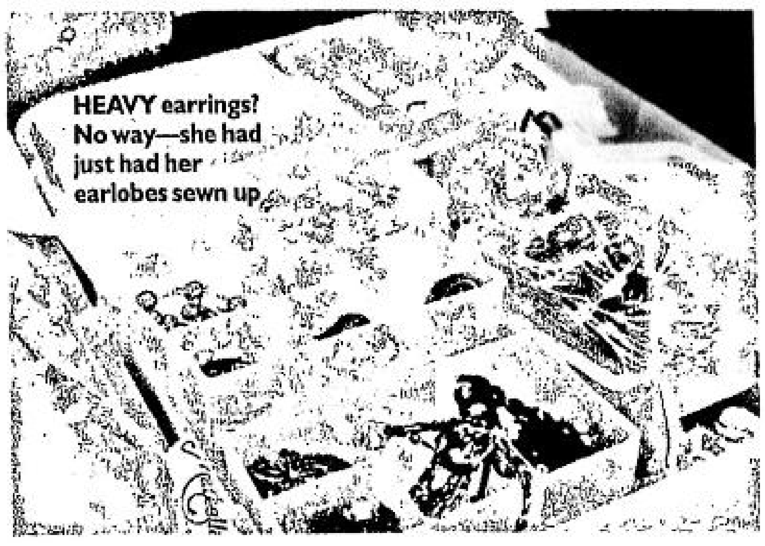

HEAVY earrings? No way—she had just had her earlobes sewn up

BATTERY-OPERATED headpiece, in apple green, of course

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US. See, there are three boobs. *'Yung una*, virgin *pa*, the second is *medyo gamit na*, and the third, *pasa pasa na* (bruised). The initial reaction of the audience? Shocked. I ask them to touch the breasts, but usually no one wants to.

"I've not used these wings yet. They're too big for lounge shows. *Dapat dito pang*-Araneta Coliseum. But I already have a song in mind: 'On the Wings of Love.'

JEANS

"This pair from Blue Tab has been with me for four years now, and I can still wear it. I like it especially now that I've lost weight. Fit *na* fit. I don't know how I can wear it even when I'm fat and still look good. It's also flared; makes my legs look slim.

SLEEPWEAR

"I always use a tank top that's three sizes bigger. Comfy *kasi*. This one has a matching pair of pajamas. For summer, I wear my favorite shorts and *sando*."

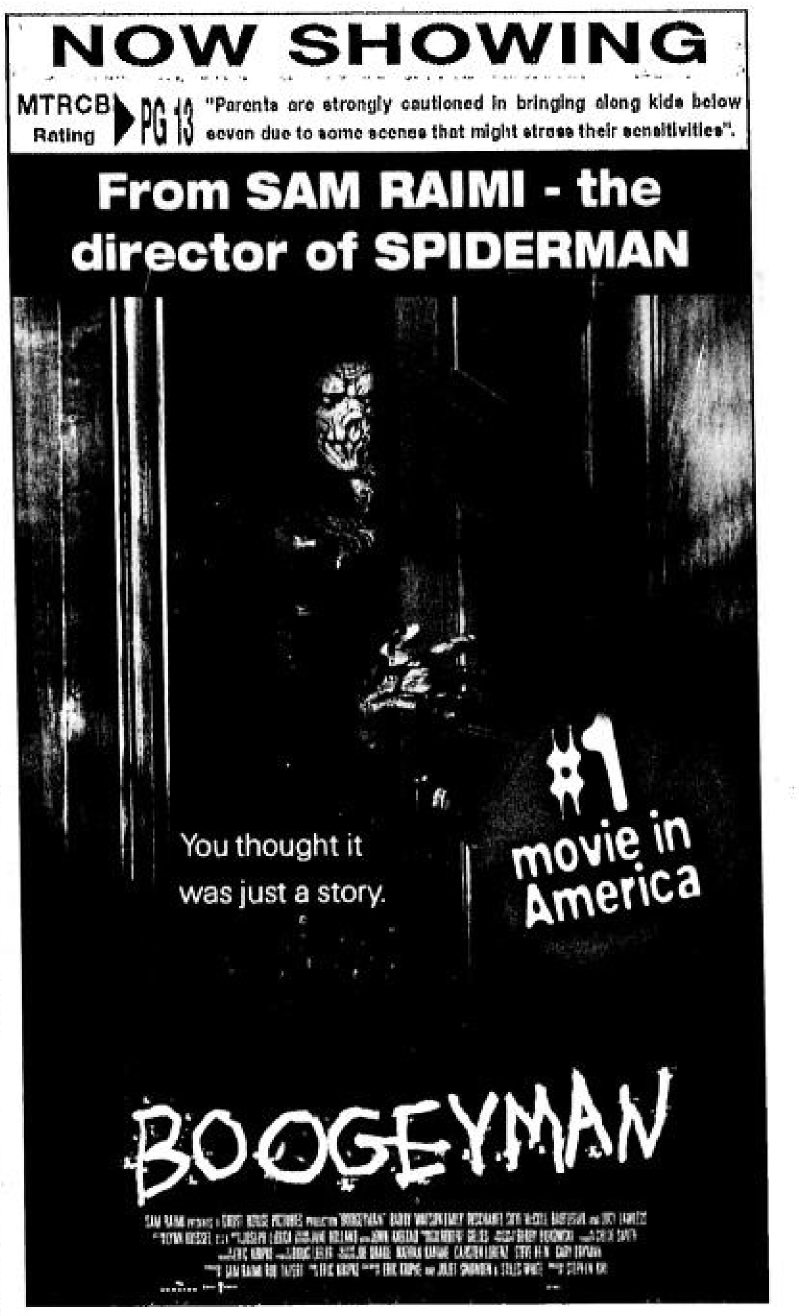
PERFUMES

"I have a lot. I even left some of them at the other house. Some scents I throw away after I've only used for a few times. *Naluluma din kasi ang mga pabango*. Mac is my latest favorite. It's small, but terrible (shows a small green bottle). When people smell this, they already know I'm around. I want a signature scent *kasi*."

ACCESSORIES

"Most of the time, I choose accessories according to the color of my outfits. I like those that are big and colorful.

"I don't like big, heavy earrings; they damage my earlobes. Did you know that I already had my earlobes sewn up? The holes had become too big."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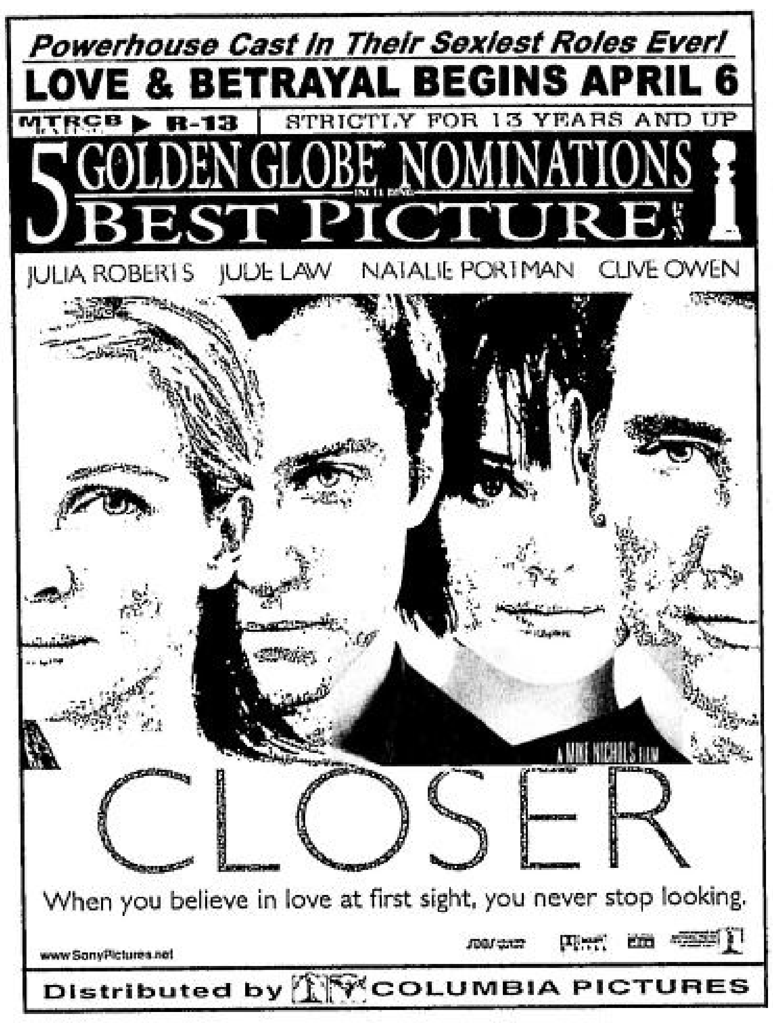
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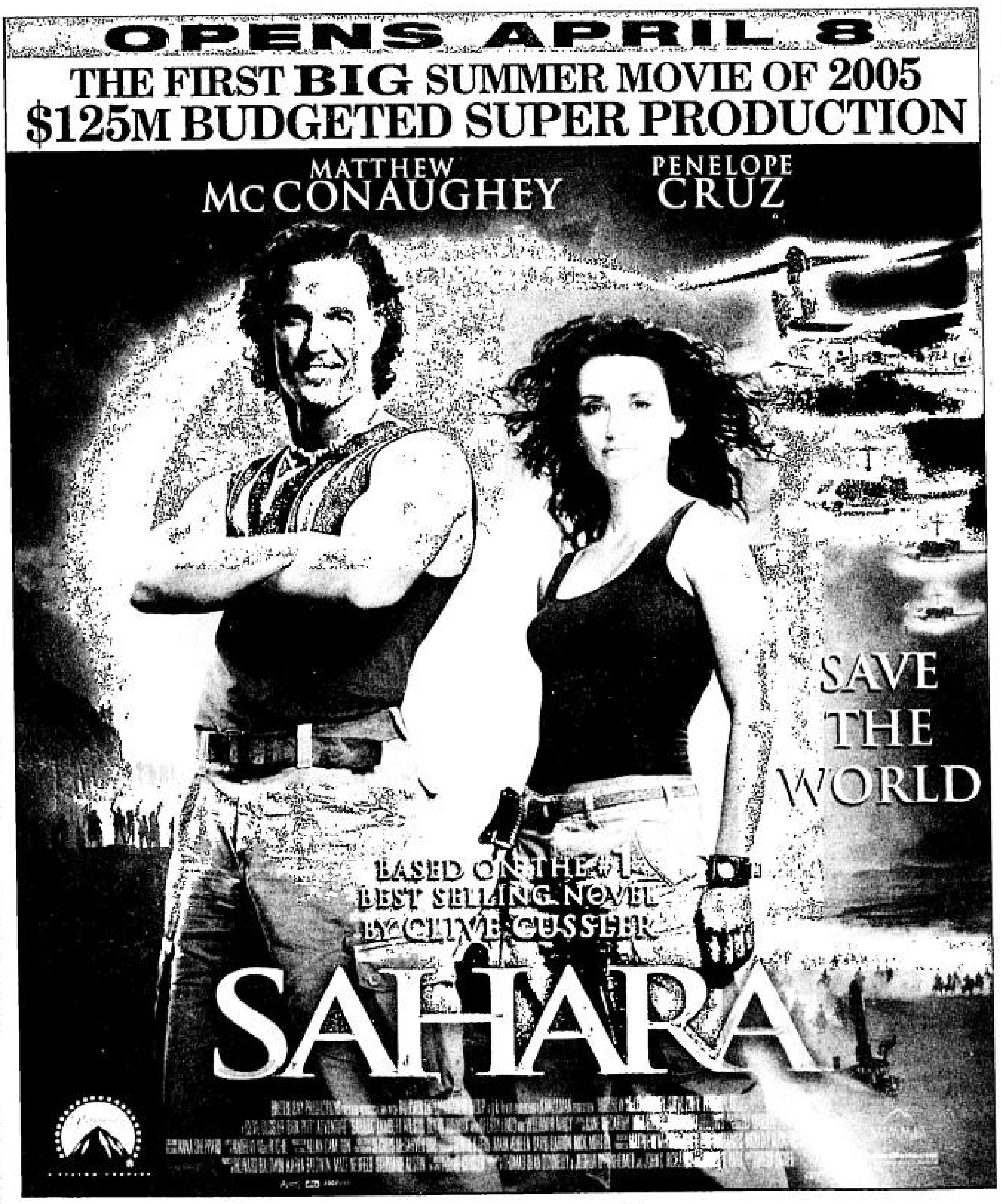
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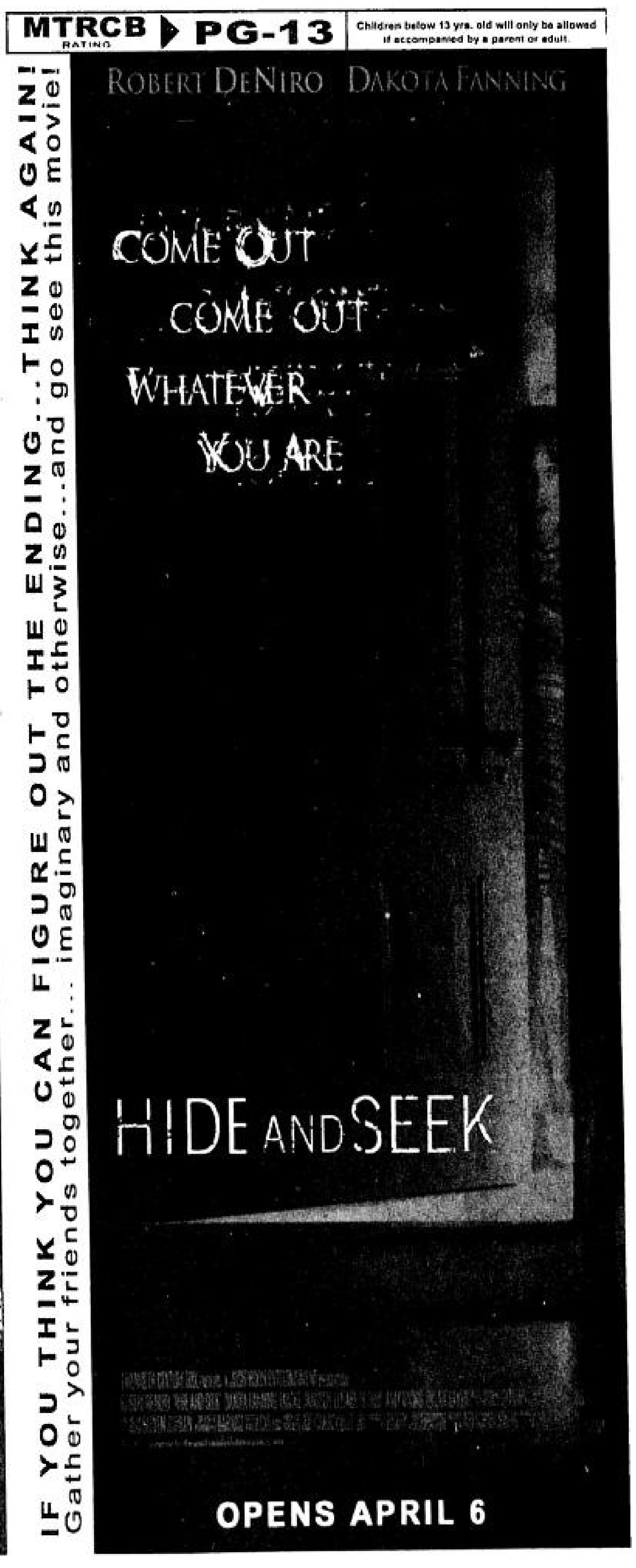
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Gov't eyes hike in withholding tax rates

By Michelle V. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT will review the withholding tax system, with the possibility of increasing the rates to help improve revenue collection.

The Department of Finance has tasked the Bureau of Internal Revenue to study the feasibility and revenue impact of adjusting the various withholding tax rates, noting that the government collects more taxes through the withholding system rather than the self-filing scheme.

"We do a better job (of collecting taxes) with the withholding system," Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima said in a speech before members of the Tax Management Association of the Philippines during their general assembly last week.

Purisima noted that of the P12 billion in income taxes that the government collected last year, P8 billion were remitted by withholding agents, while only P4 billion were remitted by the taxpayers themselves.

Withholding tax rates vary depending on the type of activity involved and the type of income earned.

The BIR, for its part, agreed that the tax-withholding system merited a review. It said enhancing the system by adjusting the rates would help the government, which is faced with its lingering fiscal problem, collect more taxes.

"(Raising the rates) will help in tax collection because in a way, the government will be able to collect more from non-compliant taxpayers," BIR Deputy Commissioner Kim Henares said in an interview.

But aside from the fact that the government collected more income tax through the withholding system, it should also be enhanced in such as way that it would encourage companies to remit the taxes they withheld accurately and promptly.

The BIR noted that the government was also faced with a delinquency problem in some withholding agents. The BIR said some companies did not remit the right amount of taxes they withheld or remitted them very late.

"When you withhold money to the government, the money is not yours but the government's. If you withhold, you must remit it whether or not you are in good financial health because you do not have a right over that money," Purisima said.

To stress the government's resolve against erring tax-withholding agents, the BIR last week filed tax evasion and estafa charges against Philippine Telephone & Telegraph for failing to remit P560 million in withholding taxes.

But while the government is tightening its watch over the remittance of withholding taxes by withholding companies, Purisima said it would also consider the concerns by some members of the business community that the withholding system in the coun-

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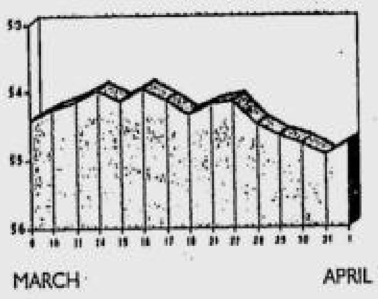

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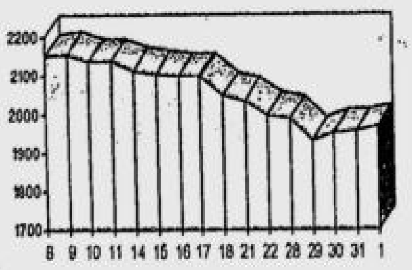

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VAT delay seen dampening trading

ANALYSTS see a lackluster week of trading with the delay in the passage of key tax measures to plug the fiscal deficit.

The Senate adjourned late Friday night without passing its version of the expanded value-added tax measure. Senate President Franklin Drilon conceded that it might be approved during the regular session of Congress on April 11.

"I think the market will move sideways until such time that this modified VAT law is passed," Alfred Qajar Dy, research head at CLSA Philippines Inc., said. "We would see range trading awaiting fresh leads."

For the week, the main index faltered 32.9 points or 1.6 percent to close at 1,966.29.

BPI Trade noted in its weekly report the volatile trading last week.

The index touched an intra-week low of 1,890.78, or down by 108.37 points, before investors decided it was time to hunt for bargains, thus limiting the market's decline, BPI Trade noted.

It also said that some follow-through buying this week could be expected as some stocks touch bargain levels.

Aside from delayed tax reforms, other concerns included the rise in world oil

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SM Prime net income grows to P4.62B

SM Prime Holdings Inc., the country's leading shopping mall developer and operator, posted a net income of P4.62 billion for 2004, an 11-percent increase from the previous year's P4.18 billion.

Gross revenues likewise increased by 16 percent to P10.21 billion in 2004 from P8.8 billion in 2003. Rental revenues remained the largest portion, up by 17 percent to P8.18 billion from P6.98 billion. This was largely due to rentals from three additional SM Supermalls opened in the last quarter of 2003, namely SM City Lucena, SM City Baguio, and SM City Marilao, and the opening of SM City Dasmariñas and SM City Batangas in 2004.

SM City Dasmariñas and SM City Batangas opened with a gross floor area of 79,792 and 80,350 square meters, respectively. Currently, both malls have an average occupancy level of 85 percent.

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JBIC threatens to scrap loan for LRT-1 capacity expansion

By Clarissa S. Batino

APPARENTLY fed up with the delay in the implementation of the Light Rail Transit-1 expansion, the Japan Bank for International Cooperation is threatening to scrap an 18-billion-yen loan (about P9 billion) earmarked for the project.

An official of the Japanese multilateral agency said the government would have to pay everything that the JBIC had spent so far for the project, including the P750-million fee paid to the project consultants.

The expansion of LRT-1, which runs from Monumento to Baclaran, has been delayed for five years now.

The JBIC is the biggest creditor of the Light Rail Transit Authority where it has an exposure of about 100 billion yen (about P50 billion). The agency funds about 60 percent of the country's foreign-assisted projects.

"In consideration of the significant delay that this project had encountered, JBIC strongly requests the Philippine government to seriously consider whether to continue with the project utilizing JBIC official development assistance," said Osama Murata, the agency's chief representative in the country, in an interview.

The LRTA gave Japanese contractors Sumitomo Corp. and Itochu Corp. last March 15 a notice to begin the $150-million upgrade of the LRT Line 1.

The agency wants to start the $150-million capacity expansion as soon as possible so that by 2008, the LRTA could already generate increased ridership and higher revenue.

The project aimed at increasing LRT-1's passenger capacity from 27,000 per hour per direction to 40,000 passengers per hour per direction through, among others, the acquisition of 12 four-car trains.

But on March 21, Transportation Undersecretary Guiling Mamondiong wrote the JBIC to "hold in abeyance the processing of the financial draw down in favor of Sumitomo-Itochu."

Mamondiong also wrote LRTA Administrator Mel Robles on March 18 saying the notice to proceed given to Sumitomo-Itochu was "not final and executory."

The transport undersecretary said the Department of Public Works and Highways, whose head is a member of the LRTA board, withdrew an affirmative vote allowing the railway agency to notify the Japanese contractors to proceed.

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Napocor to issue P5B worth of bonds

By Doris C. Dumlao

STATE-OWNED National Power Corp. is scheduled to issue P5-P7 billion worth of long-term coupon bonds before the end of this month.

The funds to be raised will be used to refinance its debts.

Banking sources said Napocor had mandated Deutsche Bank, First Metro Investment Corp. and Land Bank of the Philippines to arrange the offering, which would be launched in the last week of April.

The last time Napocor tapped the local bond market was in March 2004 when it raised P12.6 billion through five- and seven-year issuances.

This will be the second time that Napocor will issue peso-denominated bonds.

A source said the offering would come in two tranches—the first consisting of five-year bonds while the other will involve seven-year bonds.

The bonds will "carry zero coupon," meaning they will be sold at a steep discount to face value. The offering will be priced through an auction, the source added.

The minimum size targeted is P5 billion but with the "greenshoe option," the underwriters may increase the offering by as much as P2 billion.

The offering will have a sovereign guarantee.

"Although the national government can borrow on behalf of Napocor, the utility firm wants to borrow under its own name," the source said. "It wants to boost its own credit profile with local investors."

When Napocor issued P12.6 billion worth of zero-coupon bonds last year, its very first local currency issue, it raised P5.64 billion in cash.

It issued P3.752 billion worth of bonds due 2009 and another P8.8 billion due 2011. The 2009 bond was priced at a discount yield of 50 basis points over the five-year fixed-rate treasury note rate and the 2011 bond at a yield of 62.5 basis points over seven-year FXTN (fixed rate treasury note) rate.

Mindanao women in politics and governance

MINDANAWORLD

Joji Ilagan-Bian

A GOOD friend of mine once told me, in not so many words, that a woman's involvement in ensuring peace in our land makes a significant difference, one that would result to a more positive outcome in peace talks. This is based on the fact that we, who are used to being in the middle of our children's fights, are used to applying calm and sensible means of re-establishing brotherhood and friendship. Nurturing, caring and teaching our children to be loving and honorable are qualities innate in us. These strengths of a woman, benefiting millions of families, can touch more lives if pooled together for our nation-building and peacekeeping efforts.

The campaigns of the Mindanao Commission of Women (MCW), an organization composed of women leaders all over the region, are all centered on poverty reduction, promotion of peace and multiculturalism, and advocates for responsiveness and transparency in politics and governance.

Recently, in a partnership between MCW and Social Weather Station (SWS), two surveys on "Women's Participation in Peace, Governance and Development" were conducted covering both men and women respondents. The first survey, a nationwide coverage, was conducted in October 2004 with the assistance of AUSAID, while the second survey was carried out the following month, supported by The Asia Foundation-USAID. It was during the 4th Women's Conference that the highlights of the two surveys were presented by SWS.

On politics and governance

Among the things I found interesting, if only to wonder why so, are the findings related to governance. The results showed that women are seen as "superior in efficiency, honesty, selflessness, sensitivity to the environment, and promoting women's welfare."

Consistent with this, the results also reveal that majority of the Filipinos favor increasing the proportion of women in occupations traditionally dominated by men, such as the military, provincial and city/town officers, the Senate and the House, the judiciary, and government management. And yet, despite these and the desire of women to participate, the "social and political structure does not encourage it," as reflected in the survey results. Discrimination against women, in its various forms, is still a serious problem, particularly in opportunities to earn a higher-paying job, as revealed in the SWS report. The gravity of this problem is mostly felt in the ARMM than in the Philippines as a whole. Despite the dissatisfaction towards lack of corporate opportunity, ARMM respondents were generous in rating the government in the overall promotion of women's welfare. Perhaps it is one explanation that although women, particularly in ARMM, recognize that they can be independent, majority chose to be stay at home to take on women's traditional role.

In the national level, the satisfaction rates given to the Arroyo administration were positive on environment, family planning and health services, and basic education. "Mediocre" is the fitting description for the general ratings on matters that concern helping the poor, protecting the indigenous peoples and promoting women's welfare. The Mindanao peace, livelihood, corruption and inflation got a negative result on the national survey, while ARMM respondents gave satisfactory ratings for these issues.

On peace and multiculturalism

In 2004, the MCW engaged in promoting good, interracial relations in Mindanao, after its leaders were enlightened that this was the simple foundation of Australia's peace and development despite numerous cultures and practices of its people. Understanding, appreciation and respect between races and cultures of Filipino brothers and sisters are crucial ingredients in making our country peaceful. The group particularly began to focus on healing and strengthening relations between the Christian and Muslim Filipinos. And in order to establish some knowledge on this, MCW-SWS incorporated a few questions in the surveys on multiculturalism. The survey reveals that Christians and Muslims can easily accept each other as friends, neighbors, and as teachers, but not easily as spouses, child-caregivers or suitors. The survey also shows that women respondents, particularly in ARMM, want to be part of the peace process but believe that they will not be as effective as men.

These surveys, although a representation of a sample population, are close to hitting reality. In our coffee chats, family discussions, or group debates, we discover everyday that so much is yet to be achieved, that modern society isn't as modern in other places, and that many women are still deprived from reaching their utmost capabilities. Fear and complacency among women, lack of good opportunities and even discrimination, are among the many reasons why MCW exists. It's never about feminism. It's about a nation free from poverty and violence, where women and men participate fully in and benefit from peace and development. It's about the future of the children, who seeks security not only from their fathers, but also from their mothers.

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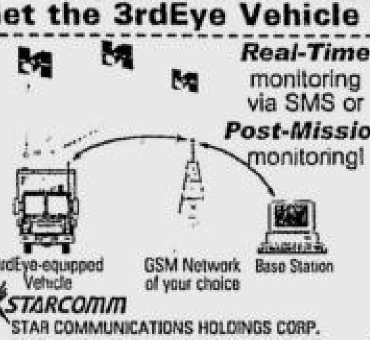

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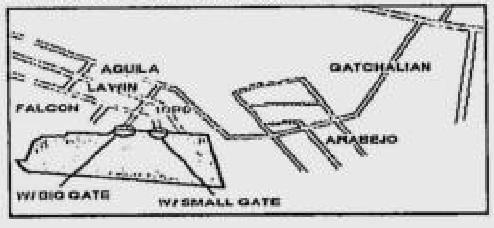

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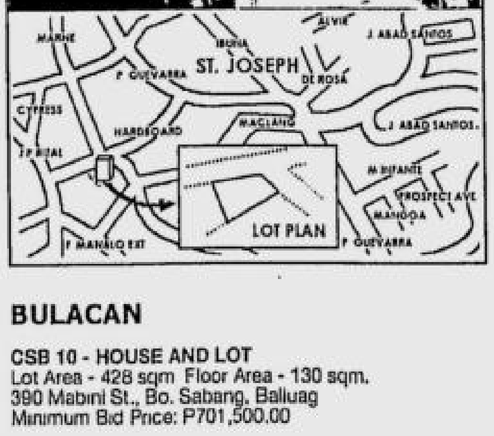

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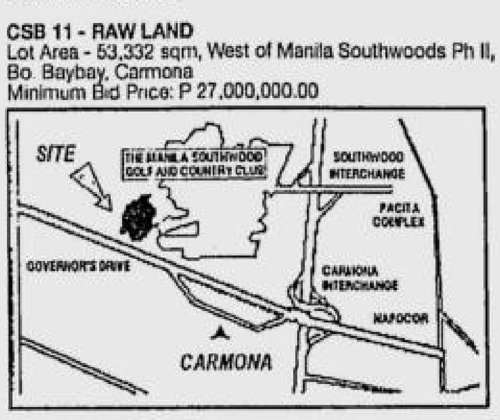

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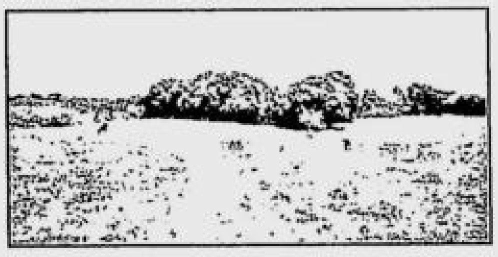

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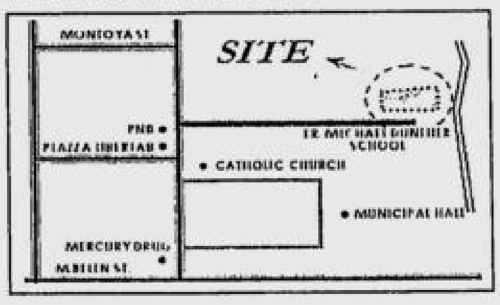

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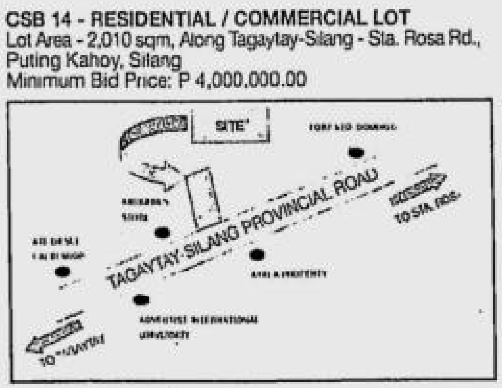

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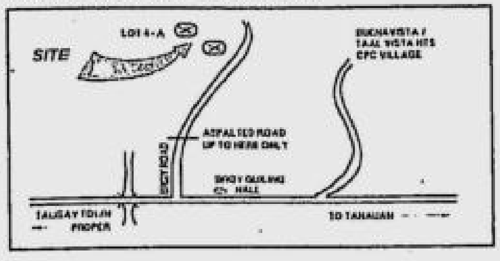

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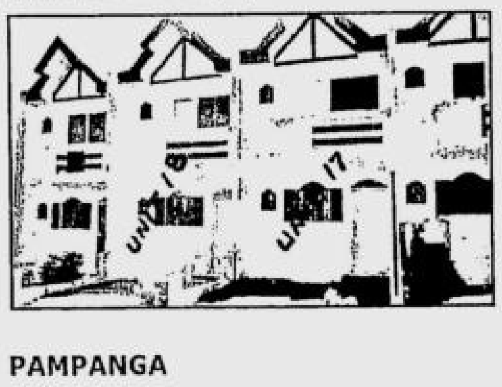

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GMA 7 profit up 43% in 2004

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

TELEVISION giant GMA Network Inc. said its net earnings grew by 43 percent to more than P1.5 billion in 2004 from P1.055 billion in 2003.

Gross revenue climbed by 24 percent to more than P7.8 billion last year from P6.3 billion in 2003.

The 43-percent growth in income was achieved despite swelling expenses. Operating expenses during the year rose 23 percent to P3.5 billion due primarily to increased production costs and the upgrading of equipment and facilities in the provinces, which were geared toward maintaining the network's lead in TV ratings in mega Manila and improving its ratings in the regions.

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization stood at P2.96 billion last year, 28 percent higher than the 2003 figures.

Last year, GMA said it was able to overtake its competitor, ABS CBN Broadcasting Corp. in mega Manila TV ratings.

As of February this year, GMA has increased its ratings lead with a day rating of 19.5 percent as against its rival's 13.6 percent, according to data from research firm AGB Philippines.

The AGB data also revealed that as of February this year, 16 out of the top 20 TV programs were from GMA. Another research group, Nielsen Media Research, said 18 GMA shows made it to the list of top 20 programs. In both surveys, the top ten programs were from GMA.

For this month, GMA said it had lined up new "super soaps" that were expected to boost the network's performance in primetime TV ratings. These include "Darna" and "Encantadia."

GMA also wiped out its long-term debt after it prepaid a five-year long term loan of P1.9 billion last February, nine months ahead of the November due date. Primarily using internally generated funds, GMA paid more than P543 million in principal and interest last February.

The company has upgraded its transmitter and other technical facilities in Cebu and Davao aimed at improving its signal and reach.

GMA also launched in March its international channel, called GMA Pinoy TV, in Japan and Guam after signing distribution agreements with IPS Inc. and Guam Cablevision LLC.

GMA Network is set to sign this month an agreement with Comcast, the biggest cable operator in the US, for the distribution of GMA Pinoy TV in the United States.

GMA Pinoy TV showcases GMA's award-winning programs including primetime newscast, "24 Oras"; the longest running noontime show, "Eat Bulaga"; the longest running Filipino gag show, "Bubble Gang"; the fantasy series, "Mulawin"; public affairs show, "Imbestigador"; and Filipino "concert TV," "S.O.P." among others.

GMA Network spent about US$4 million to upgrade its facilities in preparation for its international channel operations.

The company's subsidiary, Citynet Inc., has signed a co-production and blocktime agreement with Zoe Channel 11. The agreement provides GMA Network with another platform to showcase its programs and talents.

Though GMA has indefinitely postponed its public offering at the stock market, which is expected to further boost the company's financial muscle, GMA chair and president Felipe Gozon said the network had enough funds to sustain its expansion plans.

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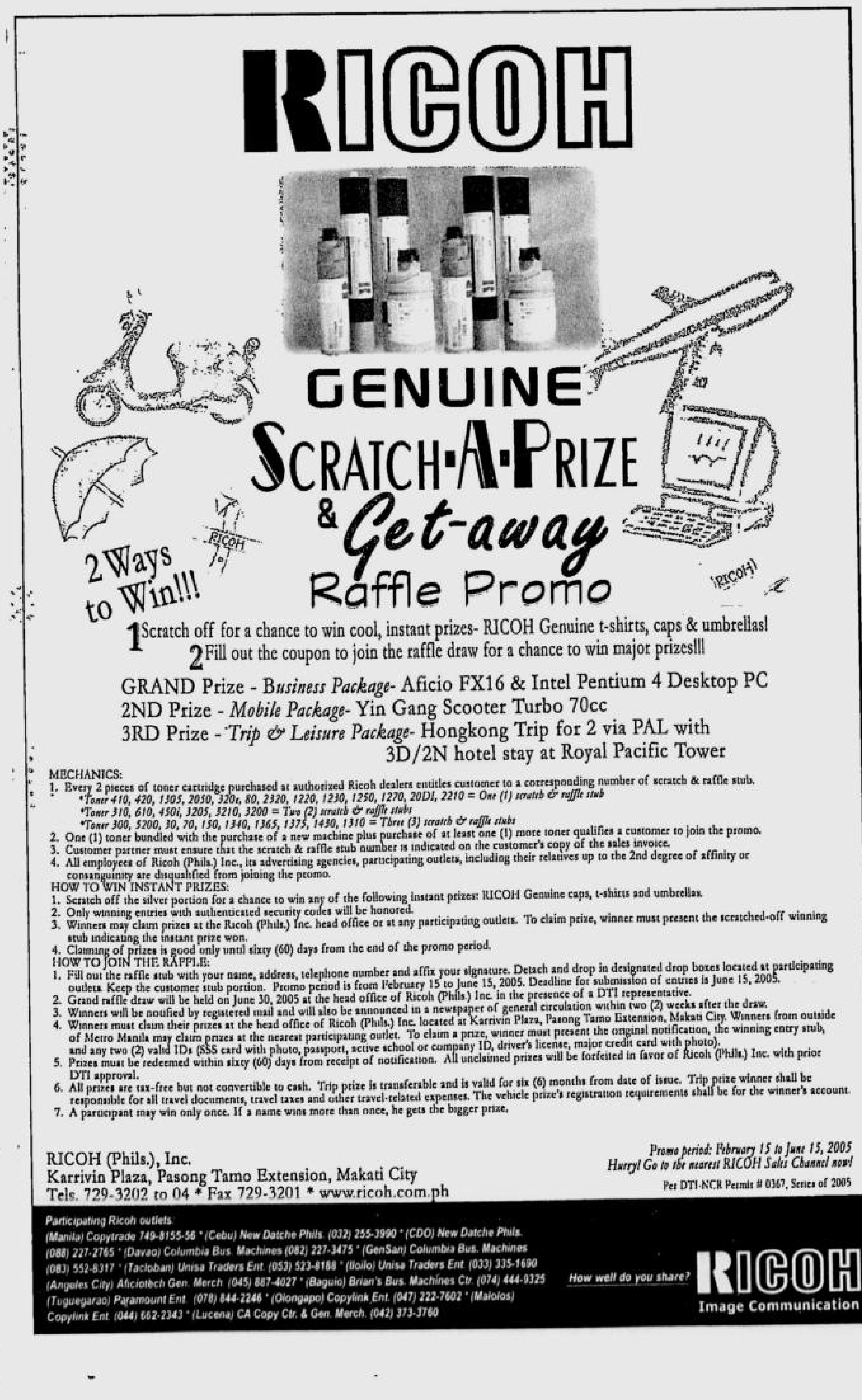

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try was too taxing for them.

During the TMAP general assembly, the group raised the concern that adjusting the rates could further burden companies.

In response to the concern, Henares said raising the rate did not have to add more burden to companies because they would only have to remit a higher amount of withheld taxes that were really due the government.

"Every month, companies are already doing it (remitting withheld taxes). They will only have to remit taxes based on higher rates," Henares said.

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prices that will weigh on consumer sentiment.

BPI Trade also said investors might start taking new positions in the coming weeks as they focus on the first-quarter net income performance of selected companies.

Despite the weakness in the market, the Philippines emerged as the best performing stock market among selected East Asian bourses in February, a ranking by the Philippine Stock Exchange(PSE) research department showed.

The Philippines bested nine countries out of the 10 major bourses included in the roster like Korea, Thailand, Indonesia, China, Singapore, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Malaysia. *Elizabeth L. Sanchez*

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of April 1, 2005)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	3.9	4	3.9	3.95	11,000
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	27	27.5	27	27.5	435,000
Bank of the Phil. Islands	50.5	50.5	50	50.5	1,001,100
China Banking Corp.	665	665	665	665	90
Citystate Savings Bank	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	1,000
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.67	0.73	0.67	0.7	15,470,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	45	46.5	45	46.5	115,600
International Exch. Bank	18.25	18.25	18	18.25	50,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	34.5	34.5	33.5	34	813,900
Philippine National Bank	33	33.5	33	33	28,000
Security Bank Corp.	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	1,000
Union Bank of the Phil.	28	28	28	28	600
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Bankard Inc.	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.84	100,000
First Metro Invest. Corp.	250	250	250	250	320
Manulife Financial Corp.	2550	2560	2550	2560	210
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.06	1.08	1.06	1.08	325,000
Phil. Stock Exchange Inc.	149	150	149	150	4,670
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1745	1760	1745	1760	1,770
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	15	15.5	15	15.5	21,200
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	1.18	1.22	1.18	1.2	1,042,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	875	880	875	875	9,790
Ipeople Inc.	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.6	25,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	100,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.05	0.0525	0.05	0.05	2,900,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.35	4,293,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1385	1425	1385	1395	145,790
Ivantage Corp.	0.7	0.75	0.7	0.73	1,580,000
Philweb Corp.	0.019	0.021	0.019	0.02	218,200,000
POWER, ENERGY & OTHER UTILITIES					
Manila Electric Co. A	18.25	18.75	18.25	18.75	69,400
Manila Electric Co. B	26.5	27	26.5	27	174,000
Manila Water Co. Inc.	6.6	6.7	6.5	6.6	7,095,000
Petron Corp.	3.55	3.65	3.55	3.6	4,708,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36	23,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.88	1.9	1.88	1.9	25,000
Aboitiz Trans. Sys. Corp.	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	11,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	7.3	7.4	7.2	7.2	250,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	150,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	820,000
Holcim Philippines Inc.	3.75	3.8	3.75	3.8	1,222,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	30,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	28.5	28.5	28	28.5	401,200
RFM Corp.	0.96	0.99	0.93	0.99	170,000
Swift Food Inc.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	50,000
San Miguel Corp. A	56	56	55.5	56	77,000
San Miguel Corp. B	81	81.5	80.5	81.5	166,700
Universal Robina Corp.	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	1,342,300
Vitarich Corp.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	7,350,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	87,000,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg B	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	5,000,000
Ayala Corp.	7.6	7.7	7.5	7.6	4,472,000
Alsons Cons. Res. Inc.	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	150,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	190,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.041	0.05	0.041	0.05	7,700,000
A. Soriano Corp.	2.12	2.14	2.1	2.14	2,607,000
APC Group Inc.	0.39	0.42	0.39	0.42	2,130,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	15	15	14.5	15	52,100
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.1	1.16	1.08	1.12	31,131,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.18	0.2	0.18	0.185	2,400,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.24	0.24	0.235	0.24	4,440,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	100,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	3.35	3.6	3.35	3.45	6,896,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	600,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	223,000
Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp.	9.5	9.7	9.5	9.7	133,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	51.5	54.5	51.5	54.5	746,500
Global Equities Inc.	0.105	0.105	0.1	0.105	3,030,000
House Of Investments Inc.	1.62	1.68	1.62	1.68	646,000
Ionics Inc.	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1,000
Ipvg Corp.	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	5,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.55	54,000
Macroasia Corp.	2	2	2	2	10,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.36	1.46	1.36	1.44	5,101,000
Mabuhay Holdings Corp.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	200,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.48	0.49	0.47	0.48	23,560,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.25	0.3	0.25	0.29	1,120,000
East Asia Power Res. Corp.	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	440,000
SM Investments Corp.	230	232	226	230	914,090
South China Resources Inc.	0.72	0.72	0.7	0.7	710,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	1,100,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	100,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Corro-Coat Inc.	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08	455,000
Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.66	1.66	1.64	1.66	223,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.135	0.135	0.13	0.135	360,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	1.34	1.46	1.34	1.38	8,931,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.97	1.02	0.97	1	1,730,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	1.46	1.52	1.44	1.52	2,562,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.3	0.31	0.3	0.3	1,580,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	15	15.25	14.75	15.25	457,500
PLDT (10% Pref) Series R	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	200
PLDT (10% Pref) Series T	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	100
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	8.4	8.6	8.3	8.6	6,324,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.98	1	0.98	0.98	3,270,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.31	0.31	0.3	0.3	2,430,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.28	0.31	0.28	0.31	2,230,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.49	0.5	0.49	0.49	8,970,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.46	1.58	1.44	1.56	15,221,000
Gotesco Land Inc.B	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	30,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	50,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.7	0.72	0.7	0.72	450,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	4.85	4.85	4.85	4.85	117,000
Phil Realty and Holdings	0.26	0.27	0.26	0.27	1,310,000
SM Development Corp.	1.86	1.88	1.8	1.8	283,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	7.8	8	7.8	8	9,363,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	1	1	1	1	5,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	18,700,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	5.2	5.5	5.2	5.5	959,000
Benguet Corp. A	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	24,000
Benguet Corp. B	25	25	25	25	500
Dizon Copper Silver Mines	3	3	3	3	8,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.37	0.38	0.36	0.37	2,980,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.39	0.4	0.39	0.39	4,310,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.016	0.018	0.016	0.018	170,400,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.021	0.024	0.021	0.023	325,200,000
Omico Corp.	0.0075	0.0085	0.0075	0.008	365,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	1.16	1.18	1.16	1.16	3,291,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	1.38	1.44	1.38	1.42	5,927,000
Semirara Mining Corp.	38	38	37	37	229,300
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.27	0.27	0.25	0.27	430,000
OIL					
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	20,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	5,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. A	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	180,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.19	0.215	0.19	0.205	22,830,000

	SHARES	VALUE(P)
Bank & Fin Svc	18,359,260	112,835,050.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	462,007,203	829,924,731.7303
PRO	50,048,000	161,873,640.00
Mining	897,463,800	42,506,090.00
OIL	48,010,000	4,903,350.00
GRAND TOTALS:	1,475,888,263	1,152,042,861.7303

	AVERAGES	
Bank & Fin Svc	569.28	DOWN 5.94
Comm'l & Ind'l	3,083.65	UP 15.01
PRO	774.97	UP 25.15
Mining	3,216.40	UP 141.98
OIL	2.54	UP 0.05
SME	100.00	UNCH 0.00
All Shares Index	1,197.41	UP 10.45
Composite	1,966.29	UP 11.60

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CURRENCIES

April 3, 2005 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.771248	1.000000	54.7470
Japan	Yen	0.007200	0.009336	0.5111
United Kingdom	Pound	1.457967	1.890400	103.4937
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.098888	0.128218	7.0196
Switzerland	Franc	0.644802	0.836050	45.7712
Canada	Dollar	0.637764	0.826925	45.2717
Singapore	Dollar	0.467423	0.606061	33.1800
Australia	Dollar	0.595788	0.772499	42.2920
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.045859	2.652661	145.2252
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.205661	0.266660	14.5988
Brunei	Dollar	0.466011	0.604230	33.0798
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000082	0.000106	0.0058
Thailand	Baht	0.019710	0.025556	1.3991
UAE	Dirham	0.209989	0.272272	14.9061
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.296600	70.9850
Argentina	Peso	0.264126	0.342466	18.7490
Brazil	Real	0.289725	0.375657	20.5661
Denmark	Kroner	0.134230	0.174043	9.5283
India	Rupee	0.017677	0.022920	1.2548
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.202987	0.263193	14.4090
Mexico	New Peso	0.069056	0.089538	4.9019
New Zealand	Dollar	0.548736	0.711491	38.9520
Norway	Kroner	0.121732	0.157838	8.6412
Pakistan	Rupee	0.012986	0.016838	0.9218
South Africa	Rand	0.123588	0.160244	8.7729
Korea	Won	0.000760	0.000985	0.0539
Sweden	Kroner	0.109172	0.141553	7.7496
Syria	Pound	0.014857	0.019264	1.0546
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.024513	0.031783	1.7400
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000359	0.000466	0.0255

Unilab's big winner

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

UNILAB president Carlos Ejercito has emerged as the big winner in the sibling rivalry that resulted in the carving of the sprawling drug-catsup-real estate empire of ailing taipan Jose Yao Campos.

In addition to being the president, Ejercito was elected chief executive officer of United Laboratories in the March 31 board meeting, where the chair-CEO title previously held by Jose Campos Jr. was also split.

Joy Campos-Hess, the eldest of the three Campos children who has been feuding with second child Jose Jr. over audit issues, was named new chair.

Jose Jr., on the other hand, has been moved over to oversee the family's considerable real estate empire, Greenfield Development Corp., and the UFC banana catsup business.

Prior to the management shakeup, Ejercito held the president-chief operating officer title. It is not immediately clear what happened to the COO position with the new set-up.

Along with Campos-Hess, her son Clinton Andrew Campos Hess was also elected Unilab vice chair, thus ensuring a clear line of succession within the country's largest and one of the region's biggest pharmaceutical companies.

Prior to his election, the Wharton-educated Clinton Andrew was a Unilab vice president, in charge of supply chain operations.

Meanwhile, the youngest of the taipan's children, the artistically inclined Jeffrey, has been assigned to manage the family's newly redeveloped Crossing mall at the corner of Epifanio de los Santos Avenue and Shaw Boulevard.

Audi-syncrasy

AUDI's new dealer Mike Coyiuto is one lucky man.

Coyiuto was riding in the front passenger seat, the so-called death seat, when the silver A4 Quattro he was riding in smashed into an electric pole at the Tagaytay Highlands last Black Saturday.

Contrary to what was reported here Friday, Coyiuto had his seatbelt on, along with the driver, who also emerged from that accident shaken but otherwise unhurt.

Incidentally, the not-so-lucky car was acquired from the previous dealer, AutoProminence, who is now suing both Audi and the Coyiutos for loss of the dealership. The original buyer had just exchanged the unit with Coyiuto for a Porsche, and, according to the grapevine, Coyiuto was testing the Audi when it met the accident.

Hmmm.

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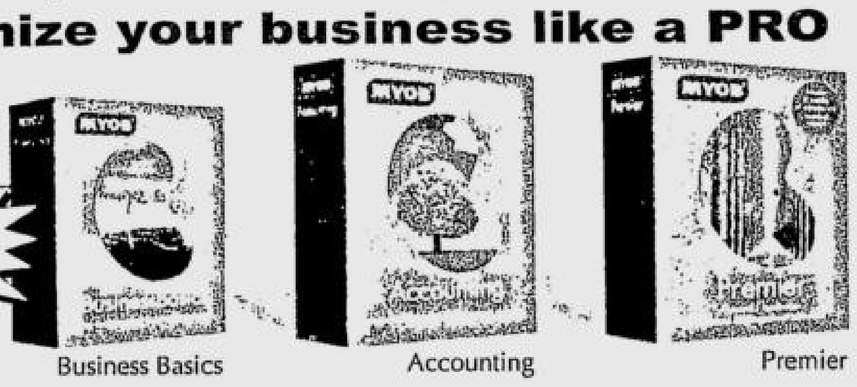

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Firm to expand wind farm project

By Ronnel W. Domingo

FILIPINO-DANISH firm Northwind Power Development Corp. is expanding its wind power facility in Ilocos Norte by 5 megawatts to a total of 33 MW, the Department of Trade and Industry said last week.

Trade Undersecretary Elmer C. Hernandez said the expansion of the existing 25-MW power complex in Bangui town meant an outlay of P687.5 million on top of the P2.32 billion invested so far.

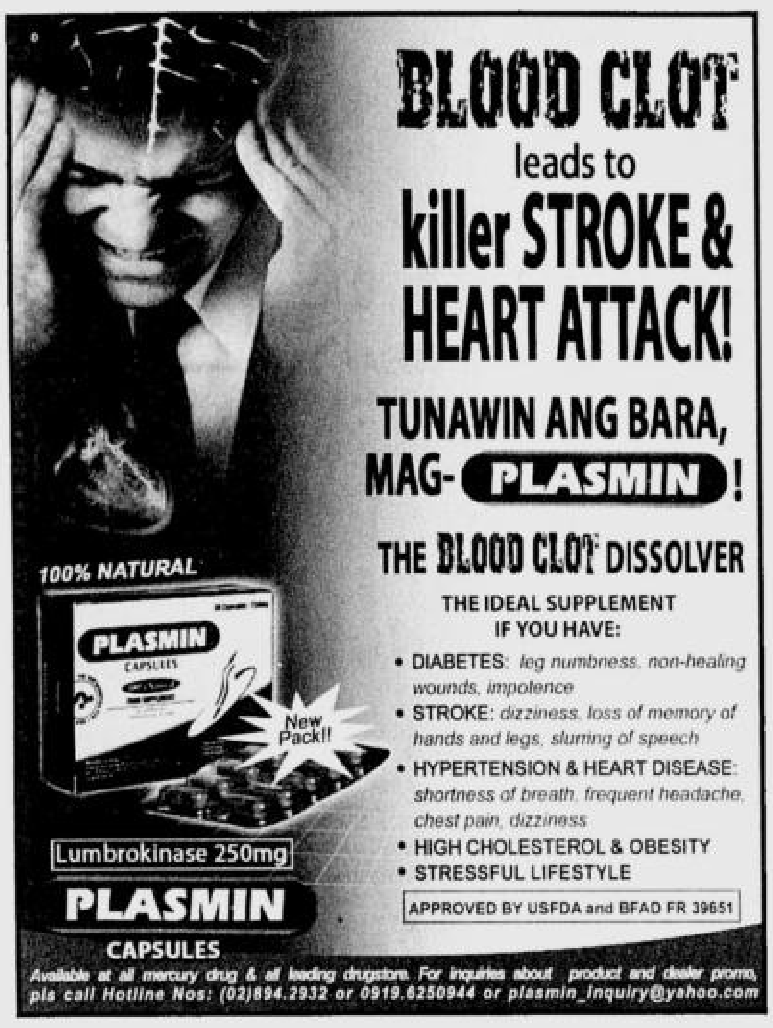
The additional investment would account for five more units of wind turbines to the 15 turbines that are already working, with each having a capacity to generate 1.65 MW of electricity.

Hernandez said that while the project would expand by 30 percent in terms of value, the facility would not need additional hands and would maintain its 28-member workforce.

Northwind's power complex, which started operating recently although it would not go commercial until August, is registered with the Board of Investments with a pioneer status.

The status gives the project a six-year tax holiday, duty-free importation of capital equipment and other fiscal and non-fiscal incentives.

The project's original scope covered a contract with the Ilocos Norte Electric Cooperative for the delivery of 7 MW yearly for 20 years.



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SO MUCH has been written about it already, but I must add my voice to the many who have come out in support of raising the value-added tax (VAT) rate from 10 to 12 percent apart from broadening the coverage of the tax. A rather unpopular position, to be sure, but under our current circumstances, I am convinced it is the right one. Like it or not, our country finds itself in a situation where quick, decisive action is needed to avert a fiscal collapse and a full-blown economic crisis, which remains a very real threat that no one should ignore. And many of us had been saying so, long before the so-called "UP-11" sounded the alarm of a fiscal crisis last August. We do not have the luxury of time in addressing the problem. Every day's delay represents hundreds of millions of pesos of foregone revenues. But more than that, our lawmakers' procrastination reinforces the notion that we Filipinos just cannot get our acts together to do what's needed to push our country forward.

Christmas tree

At a time when weakness of and lack of faith in our public institutions has been acknowledged to be one of our country's most serious flaws, the inability of our lawmakers to act decisively and expeditiously on a bill of such profound importance is not helping any. It is bad enough that out of eight measures originally proposed eight months ago (count them) to raise some P100 billion in new revenues, four have already been abandoned or sidelined (two of them rightfully so, i.e. the general tax amnesty and the gross income tax, both of which were ill-advised to begin with). Of the remaining four, two have been passed, one in diluted form (the "sin" tax law, now expected to yield a mere P6.7 billion in additional tax take, when it could have been more than twice that) and the other with no clear revenue impact (the lateral attrition law, which simply provides new carrots and sticks for revenue officers to do a better job). Meanwhile, the bill rationalizing fiscal incentives is shaping up to have no substantial revenue yield.

This leaves us with nothing but the all too crucial VAT bill, which has turned out to be a "Christmas tree" of a law on which legislators are hanging more and more provisions that the UP-11 professors in their Good Friday paper describe as exercises in tokenism. Worse, these additional complicating provisions, while expected to achieve little in addressing the various concerns they supposedly pursue, only promise to push the law into complete failure in achieving its originally intended objective. The most counterproductive among them is the provision for multiple rates (4, 6, 8 and 12 percent), which will make the BIR's job of enforcing the tax far more difficult than it already is even with a uniform rate. I have already written before of how the promising new improvements in BIR's capability to track VAT fraud will be stymied by introducing multiple rates for the tax (NFL, 2/7/05).

Questionable amendments

Apart from raising the rate of the VAT, the general intent has been to broaden its coverage by removing most exemptions, including on medical and legal services, cooperatives, books, and petroleum products. But contrary to the intent of yielding additional revenues, among the "Christmas tree" ornaments being added are provisions that will effectively lighten the existing tax burden on certain favored sectors, or eliminate taxes already being paid under current laws. One such questionable amendment is the effective reduction in the tax on cabarets and night clubs, by replacing the current 18-percent amusement tax with the 10-percent (unchanged in the Senate version) VAT. The existing 3-percent gross receipts tax currently being paid by international carriers is also being removed. While international air transport and shipping services are levied zero VAT rates in accordance with the usual zero-rating of exported goods and services, removal of the percentage tax virtually frees these enterprises from taxation. Furthermore, by zero-rating these firms, VAT paid on their inputs (including on the purchase or lease of aircraft or vessels and their spare parts) can be credited against income and other taxes due, a provision particularly advantageous for carriers serving both domestic and international routes.

Not either-or

At a time when the equivalent of P9 out of every P10 of revenues collected by the government goes to payments for both interest and amortization of principal of public debt, we need every increase in revenue we can get. Broadening the coverage of the VAT should not be seen as a substitute to raising its rate, because under our current circumstances, we direly need both. Ideally, we would like to extract all of the additional revenues from those who had been cheating our government of the proper taxes all these years. Thus, more than ever before, it is the government's solemn responsibility to do its utmost to curb massive tax evasion and corruption among revenue officials. I believe the current leadership of BIR and Customs are determined to do so, and are in fact beginning to show positive results.

But the time bomb of a looming fiscal collapse is ticking, and we cannot afford to wait. Thus, we simply cannot avoid having everyone share in the burden of putting our fiscal house in order. While conceding that a VAT increase would have to impact on all of us including the poor, the UP-11's Good Friday paper argues that the higher VAT is still likely to fall less heavily on the poor than on the rich. Meanwhile it is also the poor who are hurt the most by the cutbacks in public expenditures on vital services including health, education and social welfare resulting from the tight fiscal bind—not to mention the sore lack of public infrastructure that deters firms from bringing in more jobs into our economy. And if we fail to avert a fiscal collapse and an Argentina-style economic crisis, the first and the worst to suffer would be the poor as well, as the Asian financial crisis had demonstrated in 1997-98.

Let's all face it. In the urgency of our current situation, an increased and widened VAT is our only credible hope. And keeping the law simple would be the best way for us to go.

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SM Prime net income grows to ₱4.62B

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due to the opening of five new malls. Depreciation expense for these five new malls also contributed to the increase. Income from operations, however, remained favorable at P5.78 billion, a 15-percent increase from the previous year's P5.04 billion. Other income increased by 36 percent due to additional interest income.

SM Prime has set aside P5 billion for capital expenditures for 2005. Construction is now ongoing full-blast on the SM Mall of Asia, set to be the country's premier shopping destination and tourist attraction, revitalizing the Roxas Boulevard Bay Area. The 448,000-square meter SM Mall of Asia is set to open in the last quarter of 2005. Also set to open in 2005 are SM City San Lazaro (Manila), SM Supercenter Valenzuela and SM City Molino (Cavite). Total gross floor area will increase to 3.2 million square meters by end-2005 from 2.5 million sqm as of December 2004.

Long division, fractions, and the things that truly count.

Mr. Lao exhaled a whispered prayer as he opened the envelope. He knew that inside, his son Raymund's latest grades would be waiting, and he wasn't too hopeful. Raymund hadn't been doing well since early in the school year and he could see no reason for things to be better this quarter. "He lacks concentration," his teacher said. "It's like when he sees numbers he turns away so he can look at other things instead." Mr. Lao closed the envelope again.

"Pare, don't worry. Raymund will be fine. I used to hate math myself. And I'm a banker." That's what Ernie had told Mr. Lao over coffee as they studied the latest financials of Mr. Lao's linen business. Ernie was Mr. Lao's banker at iBank. He took care of Mr. Lao's corporate account, and was used to dropping by his office to facilitate transactions. "Maybe I can find a tutor for him," Ernie offered.

Mr. Lao had wanted to say "Thanks, but I've already tried and no tutor wants to take him on. They're too concerned about helping students who are already doing well. Besides it's too late in the year."

But he didn't say that. Something in Ernie's manner sparked a sense of hope in Mr. Lao. So instead, "Thanks, Ernie. I'd really appreciate it."

And Ernie did find a tutor. "She helps my sister's son with his math lessons, too, so she knows what she's doing. Besides, she's really patient. Mahusay talaga," he explained.

Mr. Lao had been really thankful then. Specially when he saw the renewed eagerness with which Raymund tackled even the trickiest fractions.

"You didn't have to, Ernie. But thank you so much. Salamat."

"Anything to help, sir."

But that was a semester ago. And today, Mr. Lao fumbled nervously with the envelope. "I'll have to recommend him to transfer schools if his grades don't get better," the teacher had said. Mr. Lao drew out the card. Amid a jumble of mid to high line of eights it stood out rather plainly:

Math: 93.

Raymund had apparently done his job. So had the tutor. And Ernie as well.

Chuckling at his own lack of faith, Mr. Lao got up, and got ready to drop by the bank.

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Past-due credit card debts hit 21% of billings

By Doris C. Dumlao

PAST DUE credit card receivables of Philippine banks eased to about 21 percent of total credit card billings as of end-2004 from 24.3 percent a year ago, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas reported.

The end-2004 figure was also lower than the 22.47 percent recorded last September.

The improvement was made possible by the 17.4-percent rise in the banking system's outstanding receivables to P69.3 billion from end-2003 figure. Of the total credit card receivables of local banks, P14.5 billion is considered past due.

There are over four million credit cards issued in the Philippines.

Credit cards represent lending without collateral. The ratio of past-due credit card receivables to total receivables has been rising over the past several years.

As competition among issuers of these "plastic money" tightens, banks and other issuers tend to become more aggressive in expanding their customer base.

In the fourth quarter alone, credit card billings rose by 10.9 percent to P69.3 billion from P62.5 billion as of end-September.

Of the banking system's total credit card receivables, universal and commercial banks accounted for 68.8 percent or P47.6 billion while their subsidiaries accounted for 27.5 percent or P19.1 billion.

Thrift banks not affiliated with any universal or commercial banks held the remaining 3.7 percent or P2.6 billion worth of receivables.

Overall, the past due credit card billings as a ratio to the banking system's non-performing loans inched up to 5.5 percent from 4.8 percent last quarter and 4.9 percent last year.

In the meantime, past due receivables as a ratio to the total loan portfolio settled at 0.8 percent versus 0.9 percent a year ago.

Bankers often cite the high risk of credit card defaults in the country as the major reason why interest rates charged on this unsecured consumer lending remained high, hitting 3.5 percent per month. This has prompted some banks to resort to more aggressive collection practices.

The Monetary Board has issued a circular addressing snowballing complaints about "unfair" practices by some credit card issuers, prohibiting the following:

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No fire sale for Malampaya stake, says PNOC-EC head

PHILIPPINE National Oil Co.-Exploration Corp. expressed alarm over speculations on the prospective sale price for the 4.9-percent stake of the company in the Malampaya natural gas exploration and development project.

PNOC-EC president and CEO Eduardo Mañalac branded as "unproductive and unfair" the apparent campaign of certain quarters to derail the partial divestment process by fueling a "public guessing game as to how much the stake will be sold for."

"One thing is sure, this will be no fire sale," Mañalac said.

The goal of the speculation game is obvious, he added. Mañalac said this is apparently meant to discredit the partial divestment process by portraying the eventual sale price as below the initial speculation.

"I am urging armchair pricing speculators to desist from victimizing this privatization effort," he said.

PNOC-EC has put 49 percent of its 10 percent interest in the Malampaya project on the auction bloc in line with a national government condition tied up to a sovereign guarantee issued by the latter for a Citibank credit facility. PNOC-EC said the proceeds of the partial divestment would fund ongoing and future oil exploration projects, including a seismic study in the South China sea with Petro Vietnam and the China National Offshore Oil Co.

A giant South Korean consortium composed of LG International, Korea Gas Corp., Seoul City Gas Corp. and Daesung Industrial Corp. is poised to acquire the stake. Mañalac, however, said the sale "is not yet a done deal" since Shell Philippines Exploration and Chevron-Texaco Malampaya Ll are reviewing the LG group offer for a possible match.

Mañalac said the PNOC-EC stake "will definitely be sold for much more than the price at which it was acquired." PNOC-EC obtained an initial $160 million credit facility from Citibank to fund the purchase of the 10-percent stake. The facility was backed by a national government guarantee.

Mañalac said he "is very optimistic that the 49 percent we are privatizing now could fetch more than the pro-rated amount with which we bought the entire 10-percent interest.

Cocktales

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Anguished steak

RESTAURATEUR Carmelo "Melo" Santiago, who helped popularize Angus steak in the country, wrote a pained letter in reaction to a Friday item here, where it said Santiago and his son-in-law were being criminally charged by the Makati Prosecutor's Office for estafa and issuance of bouncing check.

"Blackmail is a very appropriate description for the case filed against me," said Santiago, adding that he never, ever met the complainant, who was allegedly paid by Santiago's son-in-law Richard Rivera with a P1-million check from Santiago.

"My checks had been stolen and reported missing for some time before they were encashed," Santiago said. "If anyone examines the (bounced) check, he would see that the signature there does not even resemble my signature, the difference being like day and night."

Money-go-round

- AGRICULTURE Secretary Arthur Yap has apparently obtained Malacañang approval to replace Administrator Evangeline Valbuena of Philippine Coconut Authority with his own man.
- THE NEW business editor of the just merged Manila Standard Today, Daxim Lucas, resigned over the weekend as a result of the continuing merger indigestion of the two broadsheets.

Heard through the grapevine

THIS was no April Fool's joke, as the story appeared a day after in Ninez Cacho-Olivares's broadsheet, with this headline: "Gov't mulls NAIA 1 burning to force Terminal 3 opening."

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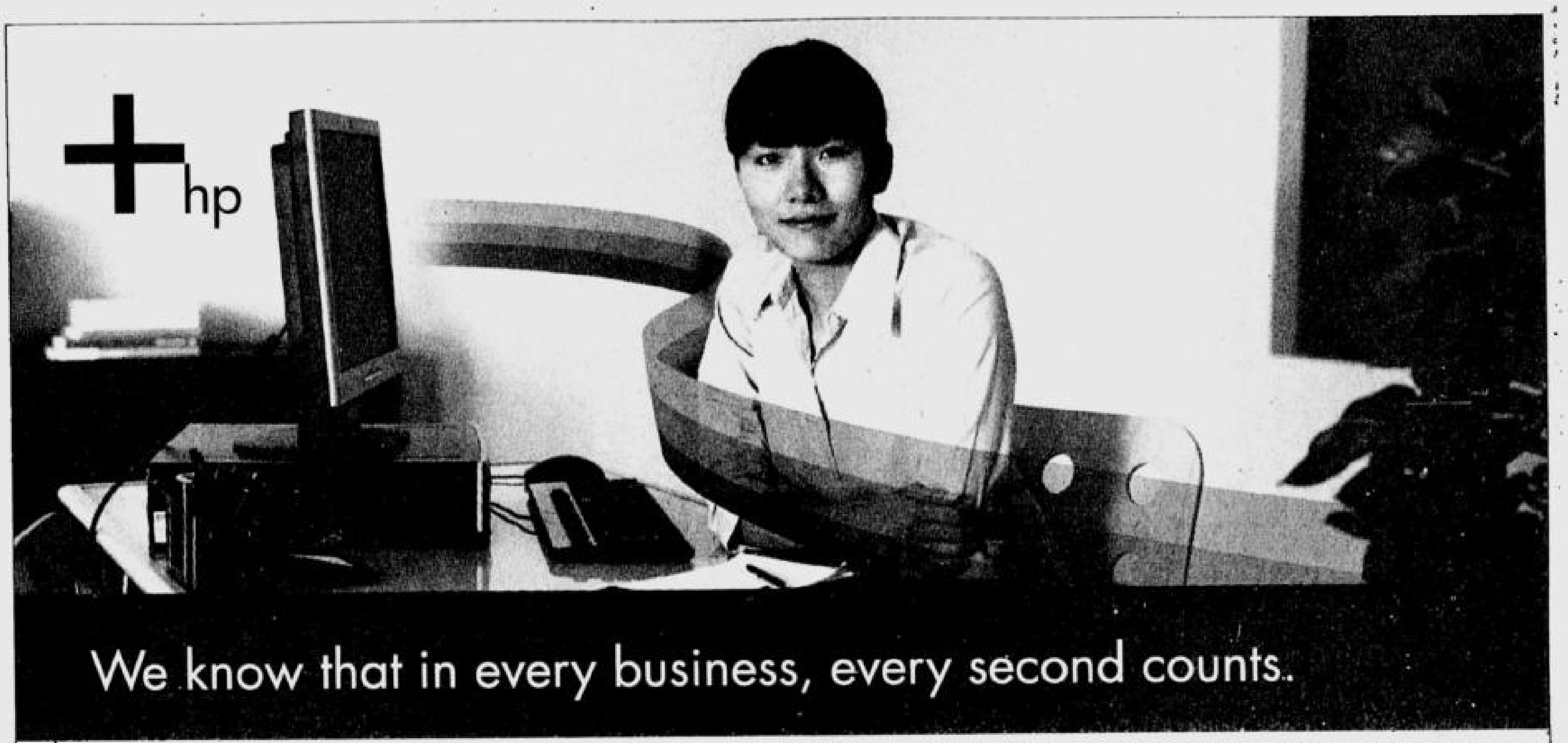
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VoIP a value-added service, says NTC

By Alexander Villafania and Erwin Lemuel Oliva
Contributors

THE VOICE over Internet Protocol (VoIP) is a value-added service and not a voice service, the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) has said in new draft rules it issued last week, paving the way for Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to begin offering VoIP services commercially.

VoIP routes phone calls through the Internet instead of through traditional public switched telephone networks. Its lower cost has made it a popular alternative to traditional voice calls.

Prior to the new rules, VoIP was classified as a voice service.

Under the Telecommunications Act, this classification meant that only telecommunications companies with a government franchise to carry voice calls were permitted to offer VoIP commercially, though companies were permitted to make use of VoIP for private networks.

The classification had placed ISPs and traditional telecommunications companies at loggerheads.

The new rules identify the parties that are allowed to offer VoIP services, as well as standard agreements between telecommunications carriers and ISPs regarding service performance standards, interconnection charges, access costs, as well as consumer security and privacy.

The rules also outlined the NTC's mandate to intervene in cases of failure of negotiations between the carriers and ISPs.

At a press conference last week, NTC Commissioner Ronald Olivar Solis said that both carriers and the ISPs were likely to accept the draft rules as they were based on the position papers submitted by the different stakeholders.

Officials from Globe Telecom, Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., and Bayantel were mum on the issue.

The Philippine Internet Service Organization (PISO), an organization of ISPs that has long sought VoIP's reclassification, was elated, saying the reclassification is a welcome development for the local industry and consumers as well.

"If [the rules] are going to treat VoIP as a value-added service then that's good news for us and the general public," Joji Yap, PISO president and general manager of Pacific Internet Philippines told Infotech.

Solis said that the NTC will conduct its first public hearing on the draft rules on May 3.

The NTC officials said that they expect few changes to the first draft following the public hearings.

"Only the agreement of the carriers and the ISPs is necessary to make this happen," Solis said, adding that the NTC expects the rules to be implemented within the year.

Solis stressed that VoIP is a cheaper communications alternative to the public, and it can also provide additional features not commonly found in traditional voice services.

The NTC official said the local carriers are expected to respond to the deregulation of VoIP by introducing better and more cost-effective services to offset potential losses stemming from increased competition with ISPs.

Investments are also expected to increase from carriers and ISPs as they introduce other value-added services related to VoIP, Solis said.

The NTC said that National Economic Development Authority Director General Romulo Neri had proposed that government use VoIP to reduce telecommunication costs.

Solis said that Congress, through Rep. Simeon Kintanar, information and communications technology committee head, is also working on a law on the implementation of VoIP nationwide.

"Right now, a memorandum makes for a good start, but a law, as proposed in Congress, will give more teeth to VoIP implementation," Solis said.

Industry proponents pushing for deregulating VoIP in the Philippines are not celebrating just yet.

For one, lawyer JJ Disini of the University of the Philippines Law Internet and Society in his blog at http://disini.i.ph/blogs/disini/?itemid=63entry last week, cautioned local industry proponents against "breaking out the bubbly."

While noting that the NTC did indeed make legal and telecommunications history by declaring that voice services can now be offered by entities without a Congressional franchise, Disini pointed out the fly in the ointment—that local telecommunications firms will likely oppose this ruling in the local courts.

"It will be recalled that the last time the NTC issued a ruling that did not favor the telcos, the latter just sued. Now, five years after, the case is still pending at the trial court level. If you factor in the appeals process, the case may be resolved in about five to seven more years," wrote Disini.

He stressed that the fate of the VoIP ruling will likely lie in the hands of the influential telcos that "will surely litigate to protect their International Gateway Facilities (IGF) income. And by the time our judiciary is done with the case, VoIP will be an outmoded form of communication," he added.

There are similar reactions from the local newsgroup PH-Cyberview. One industry observer for instance believes the NTC failed to clearly define what VoIP is in its draft ruling. The observer did not make a comment on the NTC memorandum that comes with the draft ruling however.

PISO, for its part, was cautiously optimistic.

"We're happy to note that the NTC memorandum itself is not just a draft—but a definitive statement that VoIP is a value added service, a position that PISO had been advocating all along," said Yap.

In his blog meanwhile, lawyer Disini said that the NTC position is a win-win scenario because apart from getting good press, it also sends a message of goodwill with a consumer- and IT- industry-friendly policy.

Disini however believes that the court system will ensure that the telco interests will not be affected any time soon—if they decide to sue the NTC for its latest position on VoIP.

"So, it's not NTC's fault, it's the judicial system's—for that matter, it won't be NTC's problem either. It's a case of a policy response that maintains the status quo," he wrote.

"Meanwhile, the industry loses—foreign players will enter the market because the NTC can't effectively regulate against Internet-based services. By the time the dust settles, the VoIP market in the Philippines will be dominated by foreign-based service providers and of course, the local telcos. So, the VoIP ship is all set to sail but outside forces will keep it anchored in place," Disini continued.

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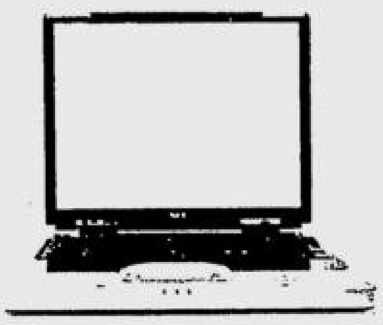

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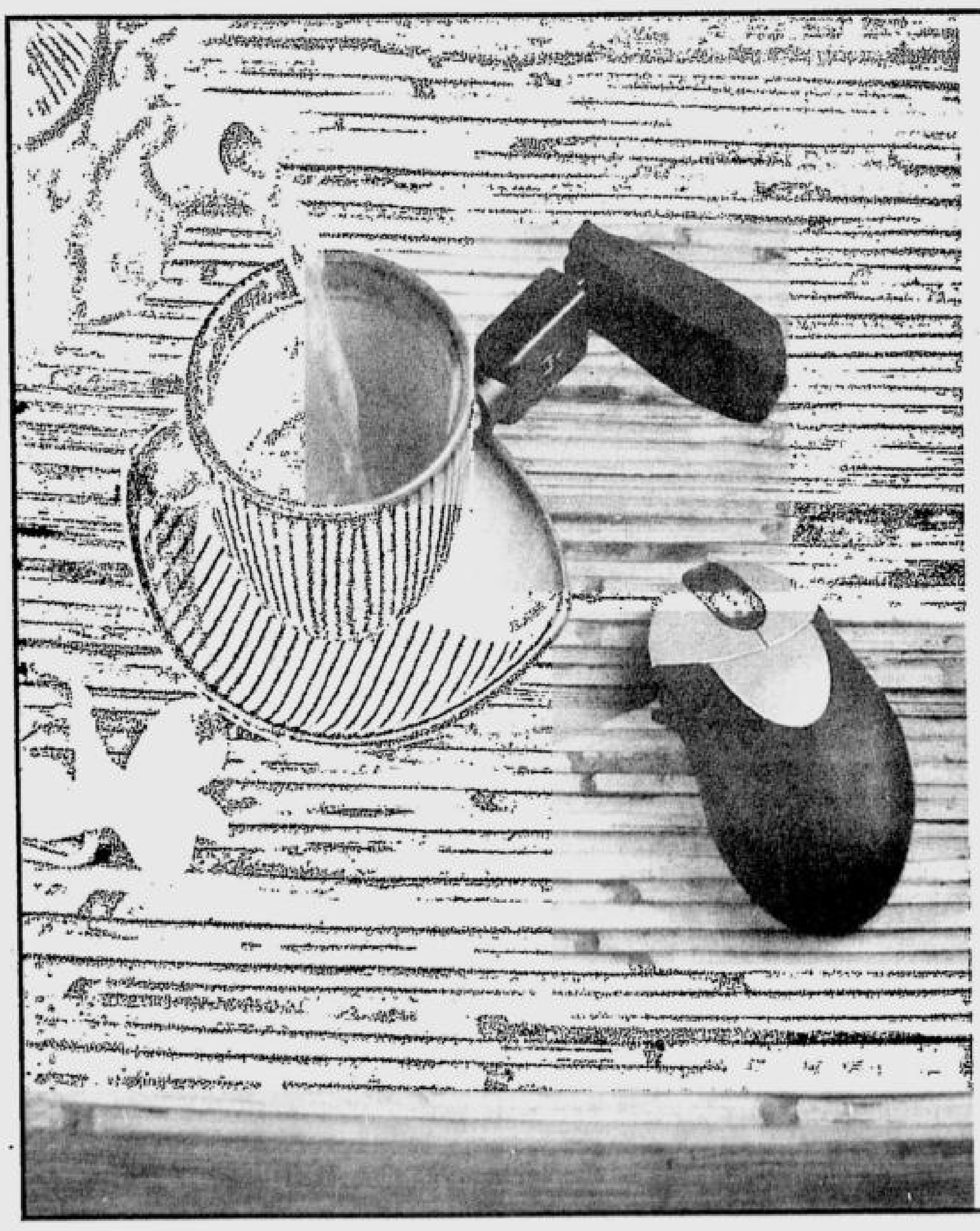

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Finance department cool to PCCI idea of reviving oil fund

By Michelle V. Remo

THE DEPARTMENT of Finance has expressed reservations over the proposal of the business community to revive the Oil Price Stabilization Fund (OPSF) to cushion the impact of rising oil prices.

Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima said the financial impact of the proposal on the government's weak fiscal health will have to be thoroughly reviewed before the DOF agrees to it.

"The concern really is its financial impact. I would like to know how much it will cost us. I would like to refer that question to the Department of Energy," Purisima said in an interview with reporters.

Purisima said the government earlier had to shoulder huge losses from the operation of the OPSF.

Now that the government was still in the process of solving its fiscal problem, Purisima said it could not afford to shoulder more losses.

Purisima said, however, that the DOF was not yet trashing the proposal.

The Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry suggested the revival of the OPSF on grounds that the move would help make oil prices more predictable, thus, allowing businesses to prepare for programmed oil price adjustments.

The PCCI said reviving the OPSF was complementary to the ongoing review of the Oil Deregulation Law.

The OPSF was set up in 1984 to smoothen out fluctuations in domestic prices of petroleum products by fixing prices over a period even as world crude oil prices moved up or down.

The oil companies contributed to the OPSF when world crude oil prices went below the assumed price on which fixed petroleum products were based. Conversely, they withdrew funds from the OPSF when their cost went above the assumed prices, so that they won't reflect the added cost on pump prices.

The PCCI said the government should repeal the Downstream Oil Industry Deregulation Act of 1998 to give way to the revival of the OPSF.

Malacañang earlier ordered a review of the oil deregulation law to determine whether a deregulated environment was still practical amid rising oil prices.

Palace wants to streamline BOT process

By Ronnel W. Domingo

MALACAÑANG has proposed to cut by half the approval process for build-operate-transfer projects in a bid to strengthen partnerships between the public and the private sector in infrastructure development, according to a government official.

Arthur Aguilar, officer-in-charge of the BOT Center, said the proposal was made through the BOT Law IRR (implementing rules and regulations) committee.

Aguilar explained that a single-pass approval was preferred to the existing two-step process.

Aguilar, who is also general manager of the National Development Co., also mentioned other proposed amendments to the BOT Law IRR.

Aguilar said the proposed new set of implementing rules provide that all revenues and receipts pertaining to the project proponent would be treated as private funds that could be remitted directly to the private company.

For his part, Trade Secretary Juan B. Santos said such amendments were expected to make the law more flexible and responsive to the needs of government and the private sector.

Santos said the improvements aimed at reviving private sector interest in infrastructure development, which would ultimately pave the way for faster and more sustainable economic development.

The proposed changes were presented during a public hearing on the matter held last March 18, which was the culmination of a series of consultation meetings with various stakeholders on the BOT sector.

Concerns and issues raised in the early consultations included: unclear policy on government support; the need for greater adherence to best practice on risk allocation; setting of reasonable rate of return for unsolicited and negotiated projects; the long-drawn process covering projects; weak guidelines on unsolicited proposals; inability to properly monitor the program; weak linkup with the Commission on Audit; inability to conclude BOT transactions; and, lack of funds for the preparation of pre-investment studies.

PLDT earns positive rating from Fitch

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE PHILIPPINE Long Distance Telephone Co. has been placed on a positive rating watch by Fitch Rating after the London-based firm noted the telco giant's improved operations and robust financial performance.

PLDT president Napoleon Nazareno was pleased with the recent developments from Fitch, but maintained that the telco giant would not take advantage of the rating upgrade by borrowing.

The London-based debt watcher placed PLDT's long-term local currency rating of BB on positive watch, indicating the possibility of an upgrade on its local debt while affirming a BB rating on the telco giant's global bonds and senior notes.

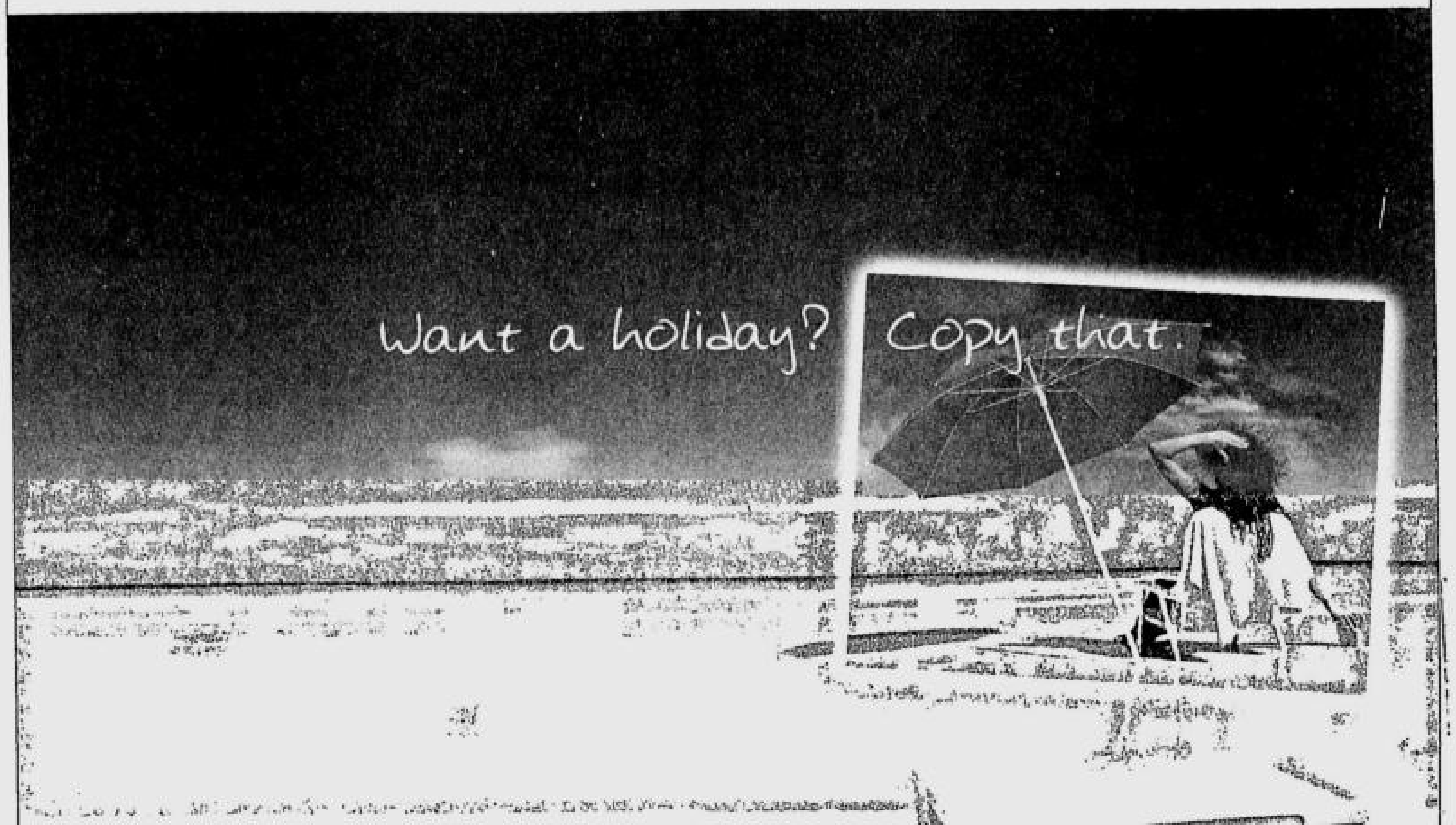
"Fitch recognizes that PLDT's stand-alone credit profile has been improving and continues to strengthen as it reduces total indebtedness," the rating firm said in a statement.

Fitch also affirmed a B plus rating on PLDT's convertible preferred stock. But the outlook on the affirmed ratings remain negative as a continued reflection of the debt watcher's outlook on the Philippines' sovereign debt.

"The change in PLDT's local currency outlook to positive by Fitch is another affirmation of the improvement in PLDT's financial standing ... but we still don't plan to borrow," said Nazareno.

An upgrade in the rating or even the outlook tends to reduce the cost of the rated firm's borrowing as it indicated less risks for investors.

The debt watcher credited PLDT]s wireless units Smart Communications Inc. and Pilipino Telephone Corp. for the robust growth. PLDT's fixed-line business has also been generating positive cash flows, it added.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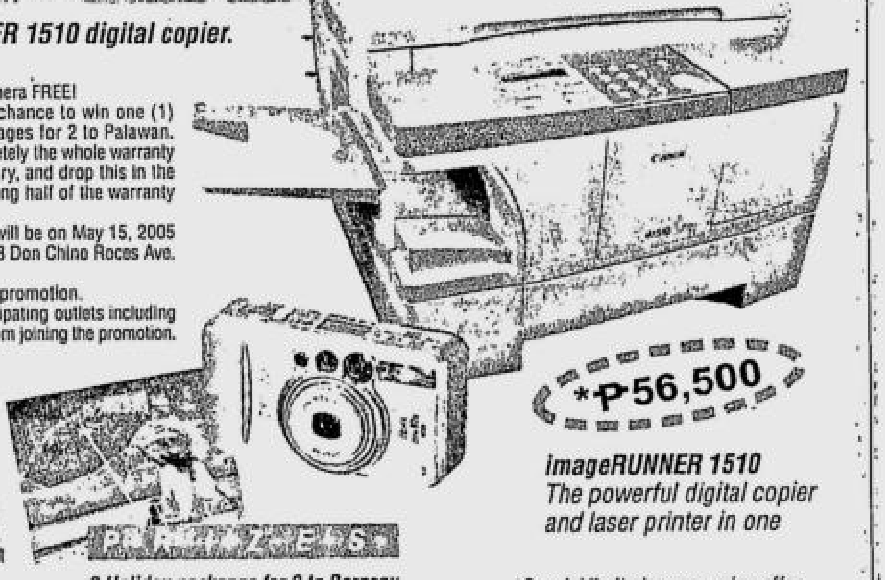

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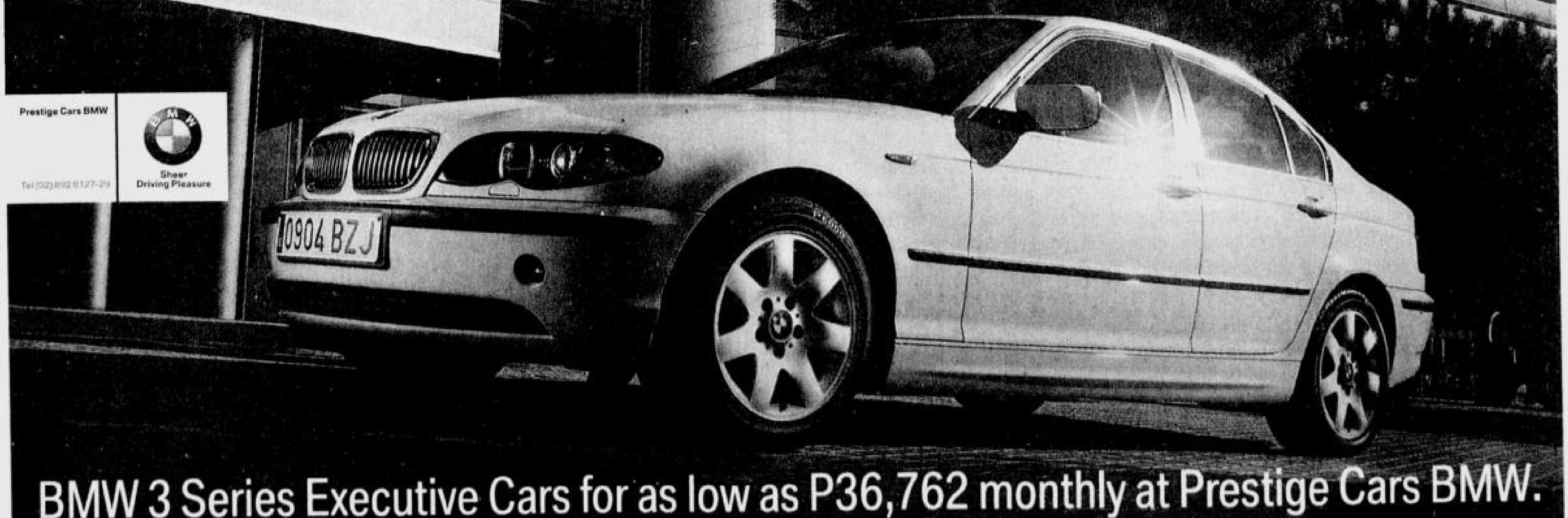

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Toyota Motor Phil. Corp. president H. Tabata (right) gives Trade and Industry Secretary Juan B. Santos (middle) and DTI undersecretary Elmer Hernandez (left) a grand tour of the Toyota auto assembly plant in Laguna. During the visit, Santos assured the staff of Toyota that the government would step up its efforts to maintain the competitiveness of the automotive sector in the domestic and international markets.

Thai firm to invest $49M in prawn farm

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THAI agrobusiness conglomerate Chaoren Pokphand group plans to invest some $49 million in an integrated prawn farm in Bacolod.

Chaoren's investment is part of the group's plan to expand its production bases and serve more markets abroad, according to Trade Undersecretary Elmer C. Hernandez.

Hernandez, who is also managing head of the Board of Investments, said in an interview that the Thai firm's planned venture included growing prawns and processing them for export, as well as production of prawn-based animal feeds.

He said Chaoren Pokphand was going into a partnership with local businesses, including the Bacolod-based Sta. Clara Estate Inc., which operates a private commercial laboratory for feed, soil and water analysis.

The official said the project would be put up in Negros Island—the center of the local prawn culture and export industry.

The output is meant primarily for the Southeast Asian market, but shipments would also be sent to other destinations.

Hernandez said the project was qualified for investment incentives as prawn farming and feedmill production were listed in the Investment Priorities Plan.

The Charoen Pokphand group started in Thailand in 1921 and is involved in the production of vegetable seeds and animal feed as well as poultry breeding and broiler farming.

According to the company's website, its unit Charoen Pokphand Foods Public Co. Ltd., started in the distribution of livestock feed in the southern part of Thailand in 1978. CPF expanded in 1987 to include livestock farming.

In 1988, CPF entered the aquaculture business, particularly in shrimp feed manufacturing and distribution, shrimp culture and processing for export.

CPF became Thailand's largest agrobusiness and food manufacturing company when it completed in 1998 the acquisition of two affiliates engaged in livestock and meat processing.

The company adopted its current name in 1999 in line with the strategy of positioning itself as the "kitchen of the world."

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Our Chairman of the Board; Honorable Vice President Noli L. de Castro, our President, Celso G. de los Angeles, Jr. and we the officers and employees, acknowledge your untiring efforts, sincerity and dedication in leading this country and providing realistic solutions to the problems of our nation despite the tremendous financial pressure besetting the country today.

We pledge our continuous support to your programs, particularly pertaining to housing and housing support under the COMMUNITY MORTGAGE PROGRAM (CMP), which is being administered successfully by NHMFC for 16 years now benefiting the vast majority of the less privileged and homeless citizens.

However, Madam President, there are misguided and misinformed groups or associations, including some CMP originators who wanted to blackmail the Office of the President and/or derail your housing program, the CMP in particular, by campaigning and convincing the public and CMP members/beneficiaries not to pay their legal obligations or monthly amortizations to NHMFC, creating negative impressions against NHMFC officers and employees, the Board members including other public officials. The acts of these groups or associations constitute not only the crime of economic sabotage but also sedition as it is against public order, authority of the government and the general public's welfare.

Again, Madam President, the public is behind you, the NHMFC officers and employees are behind you. Do not be blackmailed by some NGOs, POs and other civil societies who are behind these selfish moves. They stand for their own personal interest, not the interest of the nation.

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EPCIB seals ₱5-B SPV deal with German bank

By Doris C. Dumlao

EQUITABLE PCI Bank and its thrift bank unit, Equitable Savings Bank, jointly closed a deal to sell P5.3 billion in bad assets to a special purpose vehicle owned by Germany's second largest private commercial bank Bayerische Hypo-und Vereinsbank AG.

The fresh deal, signed on April 1, brought to P15.8 billion the idle assets EPCIBank had unloaded using the SPV framework in the last five months.

The country's third biggest lender had sold P10.5 billion worth of non-performing assets to the Lehman Brothers in two tranches in the fourth quarter of 2004.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange late Friday, EPCIBank and its savings bank subsidiary would be selling the NPAs to locally registered Cameron Granville Asset Management (SPV-AMC) Inc.

The sale and purchase agreements with the German bank are subject to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' approval and certain closing conditions.

Antonio Go, EPCIBank chair, said unloading a big chunk of non-earning assets and putting them to productive use would further strengthen the bank's balance sheet and increase its growth potential.

Bank president Rene Buenaventura, on the other hand, said the latest sale would significantly improve the bank's asset quality ratios.

Buenaventura said EPCIBank would enjoy advantages under the SPV framework for NPA disposition.

"We will maximize all the benefits the law has to offer, including tax and transaction cost savings," he said.

The 2002 SPV Law, Republic Act No. 9182, waives the documentary stamp tax, the capital gains tax and the e-VAT (expanded value-added tax) and reduces the registration/transfer fees by 50 percent on SPV transactions.

To avail of the fiscal incentives under the SPV law, a transaction must have been closed by April 5.

Aside from the three tranches of SPV sales, EPCIBank is also pursuing a strategy of retail public auctions and direct sales to reduce its idle assets.

BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura has been urging the banking community to "bite the bullet" and trim its NPL ratio to 7.5 percent by the end of the year.

He warned that banks would face heavier losses if they failed to sell their bad assets before valuation rules were tightened in line with global best practices.

On top of the NPLs, the banking sector's real and other properties owned and acquired—mostly collateralized property assets foreclosed by the banks when borrowers defaulted on loans—amounted to P210.65 billion as of end-January this year.

PNOC plans to draw first oil in '06

By Abigail L. Ho

THE STATE-RUN Philippine National Oil Co. remained confident of drawing oil from the Malampaya Deep Water Gas-To-Power project in offshore Palawan by April next year despite difficulties finding a technically competent partner.

PNOC Exploration Corp. president and chief executive Eduardo Mañalac said it was still possible to draw the first oil from the reserves by April 2006, but admitted to difficulties doing it given the delay in forming the consortium that would extract the oil from the Malampaya field.

Mañalac said producing oil from the Malampaya field, which produces natural gas, required a high degree of expertise.

"There are many interested investors. It's a question of whether these investors are experienced enough. We need to be very sure so as not to jeopardize the gas production," he said.

PNOC-EC, which holds a 10-percent stake in the Malampaya consortium, is looking for companies that would help it develop and operate the Malampaya oil rim.

Three Asian firms had expressed interest in developing the Malampaya oil reserves, and Mañalac said there had also been offers to finance the extraction of oil from the gas find.

"There's enough interest in developing the oil rim, particularly on the financial side. Covering the cost of development is not at all a problem," he said.

According to PNOC-EC estimates, developing and operating the oil reserves will cost between $420 million and $450 million.

The operating life of the reserves, he said, would be between four and seven years.

Consortium members Shell Philippines Exploration BV and Chevron Texaco Philippines, each holding a 45-percent stake in the gas field, opted not to take part in the oil production project.

RP millers want to lift tariff on corn imports

By Christine A. Gaylican

LOCAL feed millers are seeking the tariff-free importation of some 100,000 metric tons of corn this year to make up for an expected shortfall.

The Philippine Association of Feed Millers Inc. (Pafmi) will file a petition with the Department of Agriculture to suspend the tariff slapped on corn imports, pegged at 35 percent (in-quota) and 50 percent (out-quota).

According to the Philippine Maize Federation, the country is facing a shortfall of 200,000 to 300,000 metric tons of corn this year.

"This is an emergency situation," Ric Pinca, Pafmi vice president, told the INQUIRER on Friday. "The tight corn supply could actually [lead] to higher prices of meat products for consumers."

The country's corn production has only reached 2.3 million metric tons in the first semester. This is 8 percent lower than last year due to the typhoons last December and the El Niño weather disturbance.

Pinca in an interview said that the corn importation would be evenly distributed throughout the year and would not adversely affect the prevailing price of corn at the farm gate, which is currently ranging between P9 to P10.50.

He said that China could supply the grain for P9 per kilo.

Corn is used as raw material in the manufacture of animal feed products to be distributed to the livestock, poultry and aquaculture sectors.

With the expected shortage in yellow corn, some feed millers would be forced to use imported feed substitutes such as feed wheat and soybean meal.

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Oil soars to record $58 on spike alert

NEW YORK—Oil prices surged to a record near $58 a barrel on Friday, powered by a forecast the market could spike above $100 due to robust global demand and tight spare capacity.

Prices have climbed around 30 percent this year, with big-money speculative funds buying heavily on signs that rapid demand growth in Asia's emerging economies and the United States would strain world supply.

US light crude rose $2.40 to $57.70 a barrel, breaking the previous peak of $57.60 hit March 17. London's Brent crude climbed $2.22 to $56.51.

US gasoline futures for May hit a record $1.7360 a gallon on worries that a national stockpile surplus could dwindle ahead of driving season, while heating oil futures struck a peak of $1.6750 a gallon.

Top energy derivatives trader Goldman Sachs said in a report on Thursday the oil markets might have entered a "super-spike" period, which could eventually drive prices toward $105.

"That was a pretty big call by them and the market is just assessing where supply and demand really sits," said David de Garis, senior economist at ANZ Investment Bank in Melbourne.

"In a very interesting report, Goldman talked about how we might see a longer cycle and a higher cycle than we have seen in a very long time," said Deborah White, senior economist at SG Commodities.

Goldman Sachs raised its 2005 and 2006 price forecasts for US light crude to $50 and $55, respectively, from $41 and $40, citing resilient oil demand growth.

Prices rallied 2.6 percent on Thursday on the back of the report and also on concerns about the adequacy of US gasoline stocks ahead of the peak summer demand season.

Production problems over the past week have deepened concerns over whether refiners will be able to meet gasoline demand this summer.

A 485,000-barrel-per-day (bpd) refinery in Venezuela—the world's fifth-biggest oil exporter and a top supplier of crude and oil products to the United States—was shut down on Thursday by a power failure.

State oil company PDVSA said it aimed to resume full operations at the Amuay refinery in seven days at the latest and that supply to local and international markets was guaranteed.

A fatal explosion last week at BP Plc's Texas City refinery, the third-largest in the US, also unnerved the market, along with problems at several gasoline-producing units.

For the past month, US gasoline demand has been 2 percent higher than the same time a year ago, despite record pump prices.

The US Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported on Wednesday gasoline stocks fell 2.9 million barrels to 214.4 million barrels last week, the fourth decline in a row. *Reuters*

All eyes on Fed's Greenspan after weak US jobs data

LONDON—Investors will look to US Federal Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan for direction after Friday's mixed set of data and surveys shed few clues on rate policy and dollar strength ahead of a data-light week.

Friday's government figures showed the US economy added 110,000 non-farm jobs last month, far fewer than economists had expected, while the unemployment rate fell to 5.2 percent.

Meanwhile, the Institute for Supply Management said its survey showed US factory growth continued in March and its reading for the services sector also ticked higher.

Greenspan testifies before the Senate banking committee on government sponsored enterprises on Wednesday and investors will listen closely for any hints of changes to the "measured" pace of the Fed's current rate hike campaign.

"The whole point with Greenspan is that we've had a change in language from the Fed, we saw the markets price in greater prospects for tightening," said Steven Saywell at Citigroup.

"There's a risk now that could have overshot, so we may actually see some stabilization in cyclical support for the United States." After a bout of profit-taking last week, the dollar managed to push back near recent highs against a basket of currencies, keeping alive a rally fueled in part by the previous week's Federal Reserve suggestion it might raise interest rates more quickly.

In Britain, weak house price data from mortgage lender Nationwide and the Confederation of British Industry's monthly distributive trades survey fueled speculation the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee would be unlikely to raise rates on when it meets on Thursday.

"The hawks on the committee probably don't have enough ammunition to sway more people to move to their side, so I think no change," said Kevin Grice, senior economist at American Express Bank.

"If that's the case then I suspect you'll get the market taking out a bit more of their rate hike expectations."

Analysts predicted the European Central Bank would also stay clear of an interest rate hike when it releases its latest policy decision on Thursday, despite speculation it was still committed to a tightening policy eventually.

Benchmark 10-year euro zone government bond yields fell to six-week lows at around 3.57 percent, spurred by euro zone economic data, dovish comments from ECB officials as well as Friday's US labor market data.

Many analysts still see euro zone rates on hold until at least the second half of the year.

"Clearly the survey data coming out of the eurozone has been very disappointing in recent weeks. The actual hard production and orders numbers have been somewhat better, but it does seem the impact of high oil prices and the continued rise in unemployment in the major economies plus the strong euro is depressing business sentiment again," Grice said.

For more clues investors will look to comments from ECB president Jean-Claude Trichet at the news conference following Thursday's meeting.

Friday's unexpected announcement by Japan's Ministry of Finance that it would comment on the state of its foreign exchange reserves on Monday fueled some concerns of a shift in policy among analysts.

"They sprung it on everyone today that they're going to do this but they're not really clear about what they're going to talk about," said Paul Mackel, foreign exchange strategist at ABN Amro.

"It's very possible they're going to say that maybe they want to clarify some of the remarks made by Japanese Prime Minister (Junichiro) Koizumi in early March talking about reserve diversification, they say there's no plans to change the composition now, maybe they're going to be talking about investing in different types of assets." *Reuters*

United Airlines CEO sees big opportunities in Asia

CHICAGO—United Airlines, struggling to regain financial stability, is setting its sights on new Asian routes where economic growth is fueling passenger demand, United's chief executive said on Friday.

The No. 2 US carrier must continue to bolster its position as a global airline, shifting US domestic capacity to international routes, said Glenn Tilton, in a recorded message to employees.

United, a unit of UAL Corp., has been focusing on international expansion as a means to exit Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The carrier has four daily nonstop flights from the United States to China and is eager to establish more.

"In particular, we see great opportunities for United in the Asia Pacific market," Tilton said, noting growth in foreign investment and the number of affluent consumers in the region.

"As the middle class and their disposable income continue to grow in Asia, more and more people in this market are traveling to the United States," Tilton said.

In March, Continental Airlines Inc. won US government approval to offer flights to China. AMR Corp.'s America Airlines said on Friday that it too has final government approval to establish routes to China.

Northwest Airlines Corp. is the only other US passenger carrier offering service to China.

American and Delta Air Lines Inc. codeshare with Chinese carriers on trans-Pacific flights.

Mark Schwab, UAL's vice president for the Pacific region, said in the recorded message that United is the largest US carrier in China and a major player in Hong Kong and Japan.

Visitors to the United States from China alone are forecast to grow at almost 10 percent this year, after growing 15 percent in 2004, Schwab said.

United, battered with the rest of the airline industry by soaring fuel costs and low-fare competition, has been in bankruptcy since December 2002.

That low-fare competition has caused major US airlines to shift their focus to international routes where competition is less intense.

International flights are largely the domain of the largest carriers that tend to shoulder higher operating costs than their smaller discount rivals, like JetBlue Airways Corp. and ATA Holdings Corp., which fly mostly within the United States.

While long-haul flights use more fuel, they are more efficient as planes have fewer take-off and landing cycles that require maintenance. They also offer more perks for which travelers are still willing to pay a premium. *Reuters*

INTERNATIONAL Monetary Fund managing director Rodrigo Rato (left) and Spanish King Juan Carlos attend an Institute of International Finance briefing in Madrid. Rato said that large US. current account deficits posed a risk to the world economy and warned that a sharp drop in inflows into US bond markets could have serious consequences for markets.

IMF warns of risks to world economy

MADRID—IMF chief Rodrigo Rato said on Friday that large US current account deficits posed a risk to the world economy and warned that a sharp drop in inflows into US bond markets could have serious consequences for markets.

Rato said he saw a "downward bias" on the short-term risks to the global economy and warned that the oil market remained "highly susceptible" to shocks as excess capacity was very low.

On the upside, strong corporate balance sheets and wealth created by rising equities markets could lead to stronger than expected global domestic demand, he said in a speech to the Institute of International Finance meeting in Madrid.

"On the downside, the key risks include further exchange rate volatility, faster than expected rises in interest rates ... and extended weakness in the euro area and Japan," Rato, the International Monetary Fund's managing director, said.

"The continuing buildup of the large current account deficits in the United States, with counterpart surpluses and reserve accumulation concentrated mainly in emerging Asian markets, is a key concern. It is also a main source for many of the risks facing the global financial system," he said.

The US current account deficit—which measures trade and investment flows—widened more than expected in the fourth quarter of 2004 to a record $187.9 billion, the Commerce Department said last month.

Portfolio inflows largely destined for US bond markets, and originating increasingly from the official sector, especially central banks in Asia, had made the dollar's decline orderly, he said.

On US monetary policy, he said "a continued measured withdrawal of stimulus remains appropriate."

However, a larger than expected spike in US interest rates, due to inflationary pressure or a sharp reduction of foreign portfolio inflows into US fixed income markets, could bring about market corrections, he warned.

Despite increases seen in recent weeks, global interest rates remained low for this stage of the business cycle and both corporate and emerging market bond spreads were near historic lows, Rato noted.

Global inflation remained reasonably subdued so far, Rato said, adding that so-called "second-round effects" of higher oil prices have not been significant. *Reuters*

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L.A 15,424sqm
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L.A 300sqm, F.A 308sqm
Bo. Sabang, BALIUAG
Min. Bid Price. P 6,300,000

LBC 012 - COMML BLDG
L.A 393sqm, F.A 308sqm
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L.A 4,000sqm
Bo. Gabihan, SAN ILDEFONSO
Min. Bid Price. P 351,200

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L.A 343sqm
Bo. Sulucan, Mun of ANGAT
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L.A 400sqm, F.A 27sqm
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LBC 019 - RSDL LOT
L.A 400sqm
Bo. Tikay, MALOLOS
Min. Bid Price: P 500,000

LBC 020 - 4 RSDL LOT
L.A 480sqm
VILLA CECILIA Subd.
Brgy. Sto. Cristo
Min. Bid Price: P 1,650,000

LBC 021 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A 1,371sqm, F.A 142sqm
Poblacion, Bo. BUSTOS
Min. Bid Price: P 4,300,000

LBC 022 - 4 RSDL LOT
L.A 792sqm w/ IMPRVMT
P. Damaso BRGY. CONCEPCION
Brgy. Virgen Delas Flores
Min. Bid Price: P 2,900,000

LBC 023 - RSDL LOT
L.A 5,575sqm
Bo. Taboc, ANGAT
Min. Bid Price: P 3,900,000

LBC 024 - 2 HOUSE & LOT
L.A 1,294sqm, F.A 68 &42sqm
Bo. San Jose, SAN MIGUEL
Min. Bid Price: P 1,300,000

LBC 025 - RSDL LOT
L.A 884sqm
Bo. Sto. Niño, Tangos
BALIUAG
Min. Bid Price: P 2,000,000

LBC 028 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A 367sqm, F.A 412sqm
Bo. LOLOMBOY, BOCAUE
Min. Bid Price: P 3,900,000

LBC 029 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A 421sqm, F.A 300sqm
Mun of BUSTOS
Min. Bid Price: P 2,600,000

LBC 032 - COMML w/
IMPRVMT
L.A 193sqm, F.A 137sqm
Dr. Gonzales St. Sabang
BALIUAG
Min. Bid Price: P 2,200,000

LBC 033 - RSDL w/ Bungalow
L.A 3,652sqm, F.A 50sqm
Mun. of SAN ILDEFONSO
Min. Bid Price: P 5,800,000

LBC 034 - RSDL
L.A 291sqm w/ BUNGALOW
Bo. Camalig Pantok
MEYCAUAYAN
Min Bid Price: P 1,170,000

LBC 035 - 2 RSDL LOT
L.A 240sqm, L.A 321sqm
San Matias Sto. Tomas
Pampanga
GOLD RIDGE Estate, Brgy.
Sta Cruz
Min. Bid Price: P 3,100,000

LBC 070 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A 452sqm
J. Mariano St. Bo. SAN JOSE
Min. Bid Price: P 778,000

ATB49 - IND'L LOT
L.A. 3.335 sqm.
MEYCAUAYAN Ind'l Subd.
Min. Bid Price P 8,337,500

ATB50 - IND'L LOT
L.A. 2.379 sqm.
MEYCAUAYAN Ind'l Subd.
Min. Bid Price P 5,947,500

ATB52 - 2-STRY RSDL BLDG.
L.A. 250 sqm. F.A. 101.75 sqm.
Gov. Padilla St., PLARIDEL
Min. Bid Price P 900,000

ATB53 - POULTRY FARM
L.A. 21,532 sqm. F.A. 1,134 sqm.
Matang Tubig, BALIUAG
Min. Bid Price P 5,170,000

ATB54 - POULTRY FARM
L.A. 68,230 sqm. F.A. 64.8 sqm.
SAN ILDEFONSO
Min. Bid Price P 5,120,000

BAGUIO CITY

ATB37B - RSDL. LOT
L.A. 418 sqm.
MONTERAZZA'S Village, Itogon
Min. Bid Price P 708,000

LBC 002 - RSDL LOT
L.A 1,097sqm
Bo. Taklan, LA TRINIDAD
Min Bid Price: P 600,000

BOHOL

LBC 042 - RSDL LOT
L.A 1,500sqm
STO. NINO HEIGHTS, Dao
Tagbilaran
Minimum Bid Price: P
750.000

NUEVA ECIJA

LBC 036 - 7 RSDL LOT
L.A 7,397sqm w/
IMPRVMTBrgy.
Brgy. Mapalad, STA. ROSA
Min. Bid Price: P 2,100,000

CAVITE

ATB55 - SCHOOL BLDG.
L.A. 341 sqm.
PRIMA HOMES, Alapan
Min. Bid Price P 2,500,000

ATB56 - 2-STRY HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 60 sqm. F.A. 52.75sqm.
SAN RAFAEL EXEC. Villa,
Bacoor
Min. Bid Price P 900,000

ATB57 - 2-STRY HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 60 sqm. F.A. 53.58 sqm.
SAN RAFAEL EXEC. Villa,
Bacoor
Min. Bid Price P 800,000

ATB58 - 11 TWNHOUSE UNITS
L.A. 44 sqm. F.A. 70 sqm./unit
GOLD RICH Villas, Bacoor
Min. CASH Bid Price
P 4,500,000

ATB61 - RESORT GOLF LOTS
L.A. 427 sqm.
EAGLERIDGE Subdivision,
Gen. Trias
Min. Bid Price P 1,088,850

ATB62 - RESORT GOLF LOT
L.A. 610 sqm.
EAGLERIDGE Subdivision,
Gen. Trias
Min. Bid Price P 1,575,900

ATB63 - RESORT GOLF LOT
L.A. 570 sqm.
MANILA SOUTHWOODS,
Carmona
Min. Bid Price P 2,280,000

CEBU CITY

LBC 041 - RAWLAND
L.A 14,450sqm
Brgy. PIT - OS
Min. Bid Price: P 7,800,000

ATB69 - RSDL. CONDO.
TRINITY PLAZA, Gorordo Ave.
F.A. 33.97 Min. Bid P 951,160
F.A. 53.05 Min. Bid P 1,485,400

DAGUPAN

LBC 043 - 4 STORY BLDG
L.A 91sqm
Bo. Pogo, CHICO
Min. Bid Price: P 4,500,000

LBC 044 - RSDL LOT
L.A 594 sqm
Brgy. LASIP GRANDE
Min. Bid Price: P 335,000.00

LBC 045- RSDL w/
WAREHOUSE
L.A 974sqm, F.A 771sqm
Brgy BACAYAO
Min. Bid Price: P 3,200.000

GENERAL SANTOS

LBC 047 - RSDL LOT
L.A 12,632sqm
Bo. LAGAO
Min. Bid Price: P 7,000,000

LBC 049 - RSDL LOT
L.A 425sqm, W/ IMPRVMT
Bo. LAGAO
Min. Bid Price: P 500,000

ILOCOS NORTE

LBC 050 - RSDL LOT W/
IMPRVMT
L.A 92sqm
Brgy. 3 Canggrunaan, BATAC
Min. Bid Price: P 1,100,000

ILOCOS SUR

LBC 051 - FOREST LAND
L.A 7,883sqm
Salomague CABUGAO
Min. Bid Price: P 196,000

ISABELA

ATB70 - 4 STRY RSDL BLDG
L.A. 11,277 sqm. F.A. 3,325 sqm
Malapat, Cordon, SANTIAGO City
Min. Bid Price P 39,000,000

ATB71 - AGRI LAND
L.A. 12,687 sqm.
Maharlika H-way, Batal,
SANTIAGO City
Min. Bid Price P 1,268,700

ATB72 - AGRI LAND
L.A. 4,306 sqm.
Maharlika H-way, SAN
ISIDRO Isabela
Min. Bid Price P 275,000

ATB73 - AGRI LOT
L.A. 15,533 sqm.
Brgy. Arabat, ECHAGUE
Min. Bid Price P 776,650

ATB74 - AGRI LOT
L.A. 11,250 sqm.
Bo Quezon, SAN ISIDRO
Min. Bid Price P 562,500

ATB75 - AGRI LOT
L.A. 850 sqm.
Bo. Ramon, SAN ISIDRO
Min. Bid Price P 170,000

ATB77 - 2 RSDL LOTS
L.A. 3.806 sqm.
Maharlika H-way, SINSAYON
Min. Bid Price P 1,500,000

ATB78 - 2 RSDL LOTS
L.A. 15,760 sqm.
San Mateo H-way,
SAN MATEO
Min. Bid Price P 1,891,200

ATB79 - 4-STRY HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 531 sqm.
Panganiban Street,
SANTIAGO City
Min. Bid Price P 17,000,000

ATB80 - COMM'L LOT
L.A. 853 sqm
City Road, SANTIAGO City
Min. Bid Price P 9,000,000

ATB81 - 4 RSDL LOTS
L.A. 3,164 sqm.
Patul Road, SANTIAGO City
Min. Bid Price P 1,423,800

ATB82 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 300 sqm.
Ilang Ilang Road, ROSARIO
Min. Bid Price P 192,000

ATB83 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 300 sqm.
Alvarez, PLARIDEL
Min. Bid Price P 210,000

ATB84 - 3 RSDL LOTS
L.A. 906 sqm.
Alicia San Mateo Road,
ALICIA
Min. Bid Price P 2,100,000

ATB85 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 3,299 sqm.
Purok Banyag, ALICIA
Min. Bid Price P 989,700

ATB86 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,740 sqm.
Versoza Street, Cordon,
SANTIAGO City
Min. Bid Price P 1,305,000

ATB101- PIGGERY FARM
L.A 26,000 sqm. F.A 2,329.70
Baluarte, SANTIAGO City
Min. Bid Price P 5,900,000

ATB102- 3 RSDL. LOT
L.A 6,000 sqm.
SAN MANUEL, Isabela
Min. Bid Price P 1,500,000

ATB103- RSDL. LOT
L.A 316 sqm.
Barrio Plandel, SANTIAGO
City
Min. Bid Price P 200,000

ATB104- RSDL. LOT
L.A 3,306 sqm.
Barrio Patul, SANTIAGO City
Min. Bid Price P 1,000,000

LAGUNA

LBC 052 - LARGE RSDL LOT
L.A 1,474sqm
COUNTRY Club
Brgy Sto Domingo
Min. Bid Price: P 12,529,000

LBC 053 - 3 LARGE RSDL LOT
L.A 1,898sqm
COUNTRY Club,
Brgy. Sto. Domingo
Min. Bid Price: P 16,133,000

ATB90 - 1-STRY WAREHOUSE
L.A. 262 sqm F.A. 241 sqm.
Brgy. San Isidro, CALUAN
Min. Bid Price P 960,000

LEYTE

LBC 040 - RSDL LOT
L.A 7,634.50sqm
Bo. Marasbaras, Bo. Sawang
TACLOBAN
Min. Bid Price: P 4,000,000

NAGA CITY

LBC 056 - 2 RSDL LOT
L.A 233sqm, F.A 181sqm
L.A 299sqm W/ IMPRVMT
M. Castro St.
CITY HEIGHTS Subd.
Min. Bid Price: P 3,034,000

PANGASINAN

LBC 061 - RSDL LOT W/
IMPRVMT
L.A 1,387sqm
Bo. Plas Osmeña,
MANGATAREM
Min. Bid Price: P 700,000

QUEZON

LBC 062 - FISHPOND
L.A 90,161 sqm
Ilayan Calutan, AGDANGAN
Min. Bid Price: P2,700,000

ATB91- Poultry Farm
L.A. 80,000 sqm.
Brgy. Masalokot 2,
CANDELARIA
Min. Bid Price P 6,000,000

TAGAYTAY CITY

ATB93- RESORT LOT
CANYON WOODS @
6,000/sqm
L.A. 300 Min. Bid P 1,800,000
L.A. 405 Min. Bid P 2,430,000
L.A. 477 Min. Bid P 2,862,000
L.A. 630 Min. Bid P 3,780,000

ATB94 - RSDL. LOT
L.A. 647 sqm.
BLK 1 LOT 21 PACIFIC
HEIGHTS Subd.
Min. Bid Price P 3,882,000

TARLAC CITY

LBC 068 - RSDL LOT
L.A 900sqm
Bo. BARAS
Min Bid Price: P 310,000

ZAMBALES

LBC 069 - 3DOOR
TOWNHOUSE
L.A 480sqm, F.A 260sqm
Bo. Malain, SUBIC
Min Bid Price. P 3,300.000

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NEW MOON AUCTIONS

Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN
Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City

OFFICE ORDER No. 05-15
Series of 2005

To : **ALL CONCERNED**
Subject : **RULES ON GIFTS AND BENEFITS**
Date : **25 January 2005**

I. PURPOSE

Being at the forefront in the fight against graft and corruption and guided by the principles that a public office is a public trust and all public officers and employees must at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency, act with patriotism and lead modest lives, the Office of the Ombudsman is committed to upholding the highest standards of honesty and integrity throughout the institution.

In the performance of their duties and responsibilities, the officials and employees of this Office should serve as the protectors of the people and paragons of truth and justice. Thus, any act of indiscretion or impropriety, or suspicion of indiscretion on their part, shall greatly affect the honor and dignity of the institution and the people's confidence in it.

In this light, there is an imperative need to establish rules on gifts and benefits that are peculiar to the officials and employees of the Office of the Ombudsman.

II. SCOPE

These Rules shall apply to all officials and employees of the Office of the Ombudsman, in addition to other prohibitions on soliciting and receiving gifts and benefits imposed by law.

III. POLICIES AND RULES

Section 1. As used herein, the term:

Gift – refers to a thing disposed of gratuitously in favor of another, and shall include a simulated sale or a disposition onerous to the giver and/or unduly beneficial to the recipient.

Benefit – refers to a right, privilege, entertainment, exemption as any other similar act of liberality in favor of another.

Agent – A person who acts in representation of another.

Section 2. OMB officials and employees shall not solicit, directly or indirectly, gifts and/or benefits, for themselves or for others.

Section 3. OMB officials and employees shall not, directly or indirectly, accept or receive any gift or benefit from any party which may influence their official actions or which might reasonably be perceived as influencing or improperly relating to past, present or future performance of their official functions.

Section 4. In the course of the performance of their official functions, OMB officials and employees shall not accept any fee or remuneration beyond what they are legally entitled to receive in their official capacity in accordance with law.

Section 5. OMB officials and employees shall not accept or receive gifts and/or benefits, directly or indirectly, from any of the following:

(a) Parties, counsel, and their grants;
(b) Accused, defense counsel, and their agents in any Ombudsman case before any court;
(c) Suppliers and contractors, and their agents; and
(d) Other parties transacting business with the Office.

Section 6. OMB officials and employees shall likewise not accept or receive gifts and/or benefits from other persons belonging to the public sector not falling within the classification in the previous Section.

Section 7. OMB officials and employees may accept gifts and/or benefits from their spouses, children and parents, provided that the latter shall not appear or act as counsel in any case before the Office of the Ombudsman, or as defense counsel in any Ombudsman case before any court. They may also accept gifts and/or benefits from their parents-in-law, brothers and sisters, provided the latter do not fall in the classification in Section 5. Gifts and/or benefits received under this Section valued at Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) or more shall be recorded in a Registry Book to be provided and kept in custody by the Internal Affairs Board (IAB).

OMB officials and employees may also accept gifts and/or benefits from their other relatives within the 4th civil degree, who do not fall within the same classification in Section 5; Provided, that any such gift and/or benefit valued at Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) or more shall be recorded in the Registry book in the custody of the IAB.

OMB officials and employees may also accept gifts and/or benefits from their other relatives within the 4th civil degree, who do not fall within the same classification in Section 5; Provided, that any such gift and/or benefit valued at Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) or more shall be recorded in the Registry Book in the custody of the IAB.

The gifts and/or benefits allowed in this Section shall not be given and/or accepted within the Office and its premises or such other places temporarily occupied by the Office or its officers and employees in the conduct of office-related functions and activities.

Section 8. OMB officials and employees may give and/or receive token gifts of nominal value from their fellow officials and employees appropriate to the occasion in which it is made. A gift shall be considered nominal if it has a value of Three Hundred Pesos (P300.00), more or less, on a per giver/recipient basis or such similar amount as may be appropriate to the position and/or income of the giver. It must be understood, however, that if the aggregate amount of the token gifts of nominal value received under this section within the calendar year is Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) or more, the recipient shall cause the same to be recorded in the Registry Book in the custody of the IAB.

OMB officials and employees may give and/or receive to/from their fellow officials and employees emergency contribution/assistance of reasonable value or amount in cases of death, illness and other similar situations.

Section 9. Officials and employees may receive plaques, awards, certificates, souvenirs or other tokens of appreciation or gratitude and/or benefits as appropriate to the occasion/ceremonies in which it is made provided that such plaques, awards or certificates, and/or benefits might not reasonably be perceived as intended to influence the officials/employees in the performance of their official functions.

Section 10. All prohibited gifts left at the Office or its premises shall be immediately returned to the giver. In circumstances where it is considered inappropriate or impractical to return the said gifts (e.g., perishable goods), the official or employee concerned shall immediately hand over the same to the Director, Public Assistance Bureau, or his duly designated representative, who shall dispose of the same in favor of charitable organizations, schools, libraries, museums or any other appropriate institutions or organizations, including indigent families. The Director, Public Assistance Bureau, or his designated representative, shall report to the IAB any incident covered by this Section.

Section 11. These rules shall not apply to the following:

(a) Gifts and/or benefits received by the Office as an institution from other offices or organizations, including grants and donations;
(b) Gifts or cash award given by the Office to its officials and employees during Anniversary and Christmas celebrations;
(c) Gifts exchanged on occasions of Christmas celebrations among members of the Inter-Agency Anti-Graft Coordinating Council, the Constitutional Fiscal Autonomy Group and other organizations to which the Office of the Ombudsman belongs; and
(d) Performance-based cash rewards, scholarship grants, and similar benefits granted to OMB officials and employees by appropriate government agencies, private institutions, or national or international organizations.

Under paragraphs a and c of this section however, if the total value of the gifts and/or benefits received is Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) or more, it shall likewise be recorded in the Registry Book kept in the custody by the IAB.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of the IAB to submit quarterly reports to the Ombudsman on gifts herein registered

IV. PENALTIES

Any violation of these Rules shall be a ground for disciplinary action, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate criminal charges, if warranted, against the erring official and/or employee.

V. EFFECTIVITY

This Office Order within fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette, and upon the filing with the University of the Philippines Law Center of three (3) certified copies thereof, including its publication in a newspaper of general circulation for three (3) consecutive weeks.

SIMEON V. MARCELO
Tanodbayan
(Ombudsman)

(PDI – April 4, 11 & 18, 2005)

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NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION
Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO BID FOR THE SALE OF UNSERVICEABLE ITEMS
"AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS

DATE OF BIDDING: **April 19 & 21, 2005**, 2:00 PM, Solarium Hall, Building-1, Ground Floor NPC-Head Office, Agham Road corner Quezon Ave., Diliman, Q.C.

The National Power Corporation will conduct public bidding for the sale of the following:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	MIN. BID PRICE
Schedule-I April 19, 2005		
-1-	One (1) Lot of Unserviceable items consisting of assorted scrap metals, plant/office equipment, junk motor vehicles and forklift, pipes, radiators, motors and cooling-tower parts, stators and obsolete drilling materials. All items are located at Mak-Ban GPP Complex, Bay Town, Laguna Province.	P3,563,000.00 Per lot
-2-	One (1) Lot of Unserviceable/used Wood Pallets, approximately 600 pieces. Located at Mak-Ban GPP Complex.	P9,000.00 Per lot
-3-	One (1) Lot of Unserviceable Chemicals consisting of Barite, approx. 4,114 bags. Located at Mak-Ban GPP Complex.	P185,130.00 Per lot
Schedule-II April 19, 2005		
-1-	One (1) Lot of Used Lube Oil, net of water, approximately 150 drums (drums not included). Located at Mak-Ban GPP.	P400.00 Per drum
-2-	One (1) Lot of Unserviceable/Busted Batteries, approximately 213 pieces. Located at Mak-Ban GPP Complex.	P25,560.00 Per lot
-3-	One (1) Lot of Unserviceable/Busted Batteries, approx. 312 pieces. Located at Sucat TPP, Alabang, MuntingLupa City.	P31,200.00 Per lot
Schedule-III April 21, 2005		
-1-	One (1) Lot Unserviceable/Junk Motor Vehicles and Substation Equipment including used tires, batteries and air-con units. Located at TRANSCO Carmen S/S in Cagayan De Oro City and at TRANSCO Natumulan S/S in Tagoloan, Misamis Oriental Province.	P273,300.00 Per lot
-2-	One (1) Lot Unserviceable/Junk Motor Vehicles and Substation/Plant/Office Equipment including Transmission Line Hardware Steel Tower Parts and used empty steel drums. Located at TRANSCO Tayabas S/S in Tayabas Town, Quezon Province.	P234,240.00 Per lot
-3-	One (1) Lot Unserviceable/Junk Items consisting of Steel Tower Parts, guy wires, Transformer casings, steel reels, GI sheets, spacers, Reo Truck, Fork-lift, water tank, bolts and nuts, steel frames, suspension insulators, gantry crane, radiators and copper windings. Located at Ligao stockyard in Ligao City (Albay Province).	P220,000.00 Per lot

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

1. PROPOSAL BOND DEPOSIT IN THE FORM OF CASH OR MANAGER'S/CASHIER'S CHECK EQUIVALENT TO TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE TOTAL PRICE OFFER.
2. LATEST INCOME TAX RETURN (2004) ORIGINAL OR CERTIFIED XEROX COPY FOR THE BIDDER OR AN AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE COMPANY.
3. APPROPRIATE AND VALID EMB-DENR ACCREDITATIONS FOR SCHEDULE-II ITEMS.

All interested parties who wish to secure the bid forms for this public bidding must present a valid Income Tax Return (2004 original or BIR certified copy) and valid identification card with picture (such as Company IDs, Passport, Driver's License, PRC Licensure Card, etc.). Interested parties for Schedule-II must present valid and original EMD-DENR accreditations.

Interested parties who wish to participate in the public bidding may secure the bid form at P500.00/set from Mr. S.V. Lomuntad, Jr./Mr. Al Plata at MMD, Ground Floor, Bldg.,-1, NPC Head Office, Corner Agham Road and Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City or call telephone no. 924-5384. Deadline for issuance of the bid forms is until 4:30 PM, April 18, 2005 for Schedule-I & Schedule-II and April 20, 2005 for Schedule-III.

For the Materials Management Department

(Sgd.) **FELIX B. TACATA, JR.**
OIC, MMD

(PDI--April 4, 5 & 6, 2005)

TransCo
National Transmission Corporation

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

PD Ref No.: PB050331-EL0022

The **NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION, BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE FOR HEAD OFFICE**, wishes to invite interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid on the items listed below:

I LOT – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF RACKMOUNT SERVERS

TOTAL ABC: P 3,000,000.00

1. Bid Documents will be available for issuance starting **April 4, 2005 to April 26, 2005** at the BAC Secretariat Office, National Transmission Corporation, Materials Management Division, Ground Floor, TransCo Main Bldg., Power Center, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City, upon payment of non-refundable fee of **Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00)** per set.
2. Deadline for submission, receipt and opening of bids shall be on or before **2:00 P.M. of April 27, 2005** at the Admin Conference Room, Ground Floor, TransCo Main Bldg., Power Center, Quezon Ave., corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City. If the date is declared non-working day, the new deadline for submission shall be announced through a Bid Bulletin. Submission of documents must be clear, legible and readable. Late submission and/or incomplete application shall not be accepted.
3. Pre-bid conference will be held on **April 18, 2005 at 2:00 P.M.** at the Admin Conference Room, Ground Floor, TransCo Main Bldg., Power Center, Quezon Ave., corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City.
4. All particulars relative to the eligibility, evaluation of bids and award of contract shall be governed by the Implementing Rules and Regulations-A of Republic Act 9184.
5. TransCo reserves the right to reject any Application for Eligibility or all bids without offering any reasons, waive any required formality therein, and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.
6. Additional information shall be furnished upon request. All communications should be addressed to the undersigned at the aforementioned address.

(Sgd.) ANTONIO G. LABAYANI
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI – April 4, 2005)

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BULLETIN OF VACANT POSITIONS

In Compliance with RA 7041

GRAFT INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OFFICER (GIPO) I; SG-26 PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION BUREAU (PIAB)-B Item No. OMBA-GIO1-62-1998

Education: Bachelor of Laws; Experience: Three (3) years of experience in the practice of law, counseling, investigation/prosecution of cases, hearings of administrative/criminal cases, legal research or other related work; Training: 24 hours of relevant training; Eligibility: RA 1080 (BAR)

Interested applicants should submit applications within twenty (20) working days from the date of this publication to the Human Resource Management Division at the above address, the following requirements pursuant to Office Order No. 05-17, series of 2005:

1) AN APPLICATION LETTER STATING THE POSITION/ITEM NUMBER APPLIED FOR;
2) DULY ACCOMPLISHED PERSONAL DATA SHEET (CSC FORM 212);
3) 1" X 1" PICTURE (COLORED);
4) BIRTH CERTIFICATE
5) BAR RATING/CSC CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY;
6) TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS;
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8) SERVICE RECORDS OR CERTIFICATES FROM PREVIOUS/PRESENT EMPLOYERS STATING THE POSITIONS ASSUMED AND CORRESPONDING ACTUAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (IF APPLICABLE);
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10) NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI) CLEARANCE;
11) CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (CSC) CLEARANCE (ONLY FOR APPLICANTS WHO ARE OR HAVE BEEN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES);
12) RESULTS OF NEURO-PSYCHIATRIC TEST ADMINISTERED NOT EARLIER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE PUBLICATION OF THE POSITION; AND
13) CERTIFICATION UNDER OATH OF THE APPLICANT AS TO ANY RELATIVE(S) OF THE APPLICANT WITHIN THE FOURTH DEGREE OF CONSANGUINITY AND AFFINITY, CURRENTLY EMPLOYED WITH THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN.

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SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM
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INVITATION TO BID

The Social Security System is inviting offers to purchase by way of sealed bids, the **SSS-Makati Building**.

PROPERTY:
Location : Along Ayala Avenue corner Rufino St., Makati City
Description : 13 Storey Commercial Office Building with Parking Space
Lot Area - 5,881 sq.m.
Floor Area - 21,524 sq.m.

MINIMUM BID PRICE: Php1,700,000,000.00

General Guidelines:

1 Disposal of properties is on **"As Is Where Is"** basis. Interested bidders are enjoined to personally inspect the property.
2. Bid proposal may be in **cash or in installment** with a 10% downpayment and the balance payable in a maximum term of five (5) years at 13% interest per annum. Bidders shall submit proof of income if proposal is on installment basis.
3. The award shall be made to the bidder who made the most advantageous offer to the SSS. As a rule, cash bids shall be preferred over installment bids. An installment bid shall, however, be considered as more advantageous if the installment bid is greater by at least 20% and has a higher present value over a cash bid. In case of installment bids, the bid with the shortest payment period shall be preferred unless the difference in the bids is greater by at least 20% and has a higher present value, in which case the bid with the longer payment period shall be considered more advantageous to the SSS.
In case of a tie in the cash or installment bids, as the case may be, the bidder who submitted the highest amount of deposit shall be preferred.
4. Bid proposal must be accompanied by **bidder's deposit equivalent to 10%** of the bid price in **Cash** or in **Manager's check** in favor of the Social Security System. It must be placed in a sealed envelope to be dropped at the Bid Box located at SSS Bidding Room, 6th Floor SSS Main Office Bldg. East Ave. Diliman, Quezon City.
5. Deadline for submission of Bid will be on **May 10, 2005 at 2:00 PM.**
6. Pre-Bid conference shall be held on April 25, 2005 at 2:00 PM at the SSS Bidding Room, 6th Floor SSS Main Office Bldg. East Ave. Diliman, Quezon City.
7. SSS reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any defect found therein. All awards shall be subject to the approval of the Social Security Commission whose decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.

Bids forms and instruction to Bidders are available upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Php2,000.00** at the Office of Mr. Nazario S. Cabuquit Jr., Chairman, Special Bids and Awards Committee, 8th Floor, SSS Bldg. East Ave. Diliman, Quezon City. For other information please contact Ms. Tess Sorrano or Ms. Haidee Canoza at Telephone Nos. 920-6401 local 6052 or 924-7364.

(Sgd.) Nazario S. Cabuquit Jr.
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In the Loving Memory on the
1st Death Anniversary of Our Dearest Brother

DR. DANIEL CARPIO CRISTOBAL

of Davao City, Born at Bulacan, Bulacan
February 15, 1951 – April 5, 2004

We wish to honor Danny through offerings of the Holy Mass at the following Churches:

Carmelite Monastery Church *Bajada St., Davao City*	6:00 a.m.
Saint Jude Church, *Malvar St., Davao City*	6:00 a.m.
Assumption Church, *Torres St., Davao City*	6:00 a.m.
Immaculate Conception Church *Mintal, Davao City*	6:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart of Jesus, *Obrero St., Davao City*	6:00 am

Beloved Son of Tatay Alfonso (†)
and Nanay Maria Carmen (†)

His Wife Mary Ann & daughter Mariel; Sisters Conchita C. Parungao and Zoraida C. Barracoso; Brother-in-law Benjamin Pe Barrocoso, Jr.; nieces Ma. Theresa P. Cross, Mary Anne C. Barracoso, Ma. Rita C. Parungao and Alona Parungao; Nephews Ruel C. Parungao and Benjamin Niño C. Barracoso, III and Grandsons Ian and Lance Parungao request relatives, friends and pious readers to remember him in your prayers.

"Danny, we all love you. May you forever be happy and at peace wherever God is, wherever life's meaning is known, wherever death's pain is healed and ultimate Grace in Lord's Hands."

No one can compare with your strong faith to God and your courageous.

In Memoriam

On the 4th Death Anniversary of

JUAN L. ZAPANTA, M.D.

June 12, 1920 – April 4, 2001

His family and friends request your prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

CLASSIFIEDS

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Central Regional Office Luzon Office
Cabanatuan City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID FOR GRAINS HANDLING SERVICES NFA REGION III

The National Food Authority, NFA Central Luzon Regional Office, Cabanatuan City invites all interested Grains Handling Services Contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for handling the movement of grain stocks and by-products in the warehouses, ricemills, and other installations of Region III and to load/unload to/from trucks said commodities with an Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) for the year 2005 as follows:

PROVINCES	LOT NO	LOCATION OF WAREHOUSES	VOLUME TO BE HANDLED (IN BAGS)	APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT
Aurora	I	GID-Baler/	163,600	P 647,856.00
		Bartolome-Ma. Aurora/		
		GID-Casiguran		
Bataan	II	GID 1 & 2-Balanga/	287,600	P 1,104,384.00
		FLGC-Dinalupihan		
Bulacan	III	GID 1,2 & 3-Balagtas	483,500	P 2,030,700.00
		GID 1 & 2-Sn Ildefonso	505,000	P 2,121,000.00
	IV	GID-Tikay	338,000	P 1,419,000.00
	V	GID 1 & 2-Sta Rita	295,000	P 1,239,000.00
	VI	TLL Whses-Marilao	440,000	P 1,848,000.00
Nueva Ecija	VII	Whse 1-13-Cab City/	960,005	P 4,070,421.20
		Whse 1 & 2-Gapan		
	VIII	Aliaga Whse-Aliaga/	403,350	P 1,710,204.00
		GID-Bongabon/		
		Guimba Whse 1-2		
Pampanga	IX	Sindalan 1 & 2 San Fernando	632,000	P 2,591,200.00
	X	Del Rosario Whse	246,000	P 1,008,600.00
Tarlac	XI	Whse 1,2,3 & 5-Aguso	405,750	P 1,833,990.00
	XII	GID 1,2 and 3 - La Paz/		
		GID-Concepcion	237,600	P 1,073,952.00
Zambales	XIII	GID/Mango Termina-Iba	138,000	P 604,440.00
	XIV	Wawandue-Subic	95,000	P 416,100.00

The prospective bidder may bid in any or all lots upon payment of a non-refundable application fee of P2,000.00 and submission of a certified photocopy each of the following documents:

1.) DTI business name registration, CDA Registration and/or SEC Registration certificate, whichever may be appropriate;
2.) Valid and Current Mayor's Permit/Official Receipt (OR)

The Issuance of bid documents, pre-bidding conference and bidding proper shall be conducted at the NFA-CLRO, Conference Room, Cabanatuan City on the following schedule:

Particulars	Date
1. Issuance of Application and List of Eligibility Requirements, Bidding Documents	March 28 - April 20, 2005 (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Regular WD)
2. Pre-Bidding Conference	April 21, 2005 (10:00 AM)
3. Deadline of Submission of Eligibility Requirements and Bid Proposals (Opening of Bids will follow immediately)	May 05, 2005 (10:00 AM)

Eligibility criteria includes, among others, that the value of the prospective bidder's largest single contract, adjusted to current prices using the wholesale consumer price index completed and similar to the contract to be bid, must be at least fifty percent (50%) of the approved budget for the contract to be bid.

The bidding shall be governed by RA 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. For further inquiries, please contact the RBAC Chairman or the Secretariat at NFA-CLRO Cabanatuan City with Telephone Numbers (044) 463-1167 or (044) 463-1168 and (044) 463-1233.

THE NFA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS THEREOF, TO WAIVE ANY FORMALITIES OR DEFECTS FOUND THEREIN OR TO ACCEPT SUCH BIDS OR TO AWARD TO ANY CONTRACTOR WHOSE BID IS CONSIDERED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE NFA OR TO THE GOVERNMENT.

(Sgd.) **RUBEN J. RESIDE**
RBAC Chairman/
Asst. Regional Director

(PDI - March 28 & April 4, 2005)

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Central Luzon Regional Office

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID FOR HAULING/TRUCKING SERVICES

The NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY-Central Luzon Regional Office (NFA-CLRO), Cabanatuan City invites all interested Hauling/Trucking Operators to apply for eligibility and to bid for the delivery of grains from Subic Port to the different provinces and warehouses in Region III and Region II and from Cabanatuan City to Baler, Aurora with targeted volume per lot and Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) as follows :

A. NFA IMPORTATION FROM SUBIC PORT

Lot#	RECEIVING PROVINCES	REG	RECEIVING WAREHOUSES	DISTANCE (KM)	VOLUME BAGS	APPROVED ABC
1	AUR	III	Baler	252	6,000	P 303,431.70
			Ma Aurora	270	4,000	221,236.4
				Total	10,000	524,668.10
II	BTN		Balanga	62	100,000	P 1,135,802.80
III	BUL		Malolos	90	158,000	2,279,821.50
			Sn Miguel/Marilao	126	250,000	4,764,375.00
			San Ildefonso	117	150,000	2,707,526.25
			Balagtas	97	210,000	3,265,820.25
				Total	768,000	P 13,017,543.00
IV	NEJ		Cab City	137	278,000	P 5,645,297.35
			Guimba	174	70,000	1,706,637.24
			Aliaga	149	75,000	1,622,610.00
			Gapan	115	50,000	887,081.25
				Total	473,000	P 9,861,625.84
V	PAM		San Fernando Ct	75	340,000	P 4,477,060.50
			Mexico	86	88,000	1,271,030.46
				Total	428,000	P 5,748,090.96
VI	TLC		Aguso	142	108,500	P 2,237,096.40
				154	90,000	1,922,693.39
				Total	195,500	P 4,159,789.79
VII	ZLS		Iba	83	55,000	P 766,682.62
			Wawandue-Subic	1-30	55,000	499,125.00
				Total	110,000	P 1,265,807.62
VIII	Cagayan	II	Tuguegarao	511	18,000	P 834,718.50
			Gonzaga	608	9,000	496,584.00
			Baggao	540	5,000	245,025.00
				Total	32,000	P 1,576,327.50
	Isabela		Santiago	351	17,000	P 541,505.25
			Roxas	415	16,000	602,580.00
			Tumauini	459	16,000	666,468.00
			Cauayan	397	16,000	576,444.00
				Total	65,000	P 2,386,997.25
	N. Viscaya		Bayongbong	288	38,000	P 1,122,941.95
			Bagabag	313	27,000	821,124.51
				Total	65,000	P 1,944,066.47
	Quirino		Maddela	390	7,500	P 265,443.75
			Diffun	355	10,500	338,270.63
			Cabarroguis	362	12,000	394,218.00
				Total	30,000	P 997,932.38
	Allacapan		Matukay	593	15,000	P 807,221.25
	Tabuk		Bulanao, Tabuk	498	13,000	P 587,515.50

B. LOCAL TRANSFER-From Nueva Ecija (Cabanatuan City) to Aurora (Baler)

Lot#	SOURCE	REG	RECEIVING WAREHOUSES	DIK	VOLUME BAG	APPROVED ABC
IX	NFA-Cab C	III	NFA-Baler	115	30,000	P 907,953.75

The minimum number of trucks required must be registered as "Trucks-for-Hire" from Land Transportation Office (LTO). The prospective bidder may bid in any or all specified lot/preferred destinations upon payment of a non-refundable application fee of P3,000.00 and submission of a certified photocopy of the following basic requirements:

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2. Pre-Bidding Conference	April 19, 2005 (10:00 AM)
3. Deadline of Submission of Eligibility Requirements and Bid Proposals (Opening of Bids will follow immediately)	May 03, 2005 (10:00 AM)

Eligibility criteria includes among others that the value of the prospective bidders largest single contract adjusted to current prices, completed and similar to the contract to be bid, must be at least fifty percent (50%) of the approved budget for the contract to be bid.

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(Sgd.) **RUBEN J. RESIDE**
Asst. Regional Director
RBAC Chairman

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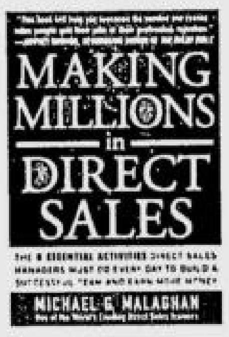

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(PDI–April 2 & 4, 2005)

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Pre-Bid Conference will be held on April 19, 2005, Monday at 1:00 PM at the Conference Hall, Margosatubig Regional Hospital, Margosatubig Zamboanga del Sur.

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BUSINESS

Smart to absorb VAT rate increase

By Clarissa S. Batino

SMART Communications Inc. and its subsidiary Pilipino Telephone Corp. would not pass on to consumers any extra dues that would come out of the proposed increase in the value-added tax to 12 percent from the current VAT rate of 10 percent.

Rogelio Quevedo, Smart's legal officer, said that while the VAT law would allow businesses to pass on the burden of the impost to consumers, the hefty profits brought in by the wireless units of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. would be enough for PLDT to absorb the impact of any additional VAT.

Along with the plan to increase the VAT is a Senate proposal calling for the crediting of input VAT on capital equipment every five years, instead of yearly.

If passed, the measure would prohibit companies, including those in the phone business, to offset their capital outlay against their output VAT every year.

Albay Rep. Joey Salceda said this would allow government to advance about P23 billion in taxes from companies. But this proposal could raise the cost of text messaging by 12 centavos for every message sent if telco firms would pass on the burden to consumers.

"Smart is willing to sacrifice its profits for the sake of [its] customers' welfare and for the sake of the country's economic growth," Quevedo said.

Smart is mainly responsible for bringing PLDT's net income to a record high of P25.2 billion in 2004. This year, the group is expecting to make P27 billion in profit.

"This is our contribution to our country, to help in its economic recovery, stability and progress," Quevedo said. "Smart and Piltel are responsible corporate citizens ready to stand up for the country in times of challenge."

Globe Telecom Inc. has refused to comment on the proposed measure, saying Congress still has to decide whether it would increase the VAT rate, expand its coverage, or do both.

Earlier, PLDT and Globe had strongly opposed lawmakers' proposals to increase the tax burden of telco firms by reviving a franchise tax or slapping a tax on text messages.

Both suggestions did not prosper as influential telco executives lobbied instead to increase the VAT rate.

Proposals to tax text messaging between 5 and 20 centavos per message had been strongly opposed. It is estimated that the country's more than 33 million mobile phone subscribers send more than 100,000 messages daily.

"Since the tax on text was too unpopular, the Senate is surreptitiously resurrecting the tax on text through this new scheme," Salceda said in a statement last month. "This is principal burden to be born by the [telco] industry that could result in a 12-centavo increase in the price of text messaging."

He said text messaging accounts for 80 percent of the revenue of the telco industry.

Telco players were able to offset their VAT payments yearly due to the huge input VAT arising on their massive capital investments.

Salceda said because of this, the phone companies were able to maintain the price of text messaging at P1 for every message sent in the last 10 years.

The Senate had proposed that input VAT on capital equipment be credited every five years, instead of yearly, to allow the government to collect higher taxes and solve the deficit problem.

"For example, in 2003, the output VAT of the [telco] industry was P15 billion, but its input VAT was P12 billion resulting in a net VAT payable of P3 billion to BIR since they have essentially paid VAT to Customs," Salceda explained.

He said the proposal was essentially a borrowing measure because the government would get to have the cash in advance from the "uncredited input VAT" at zero interest.

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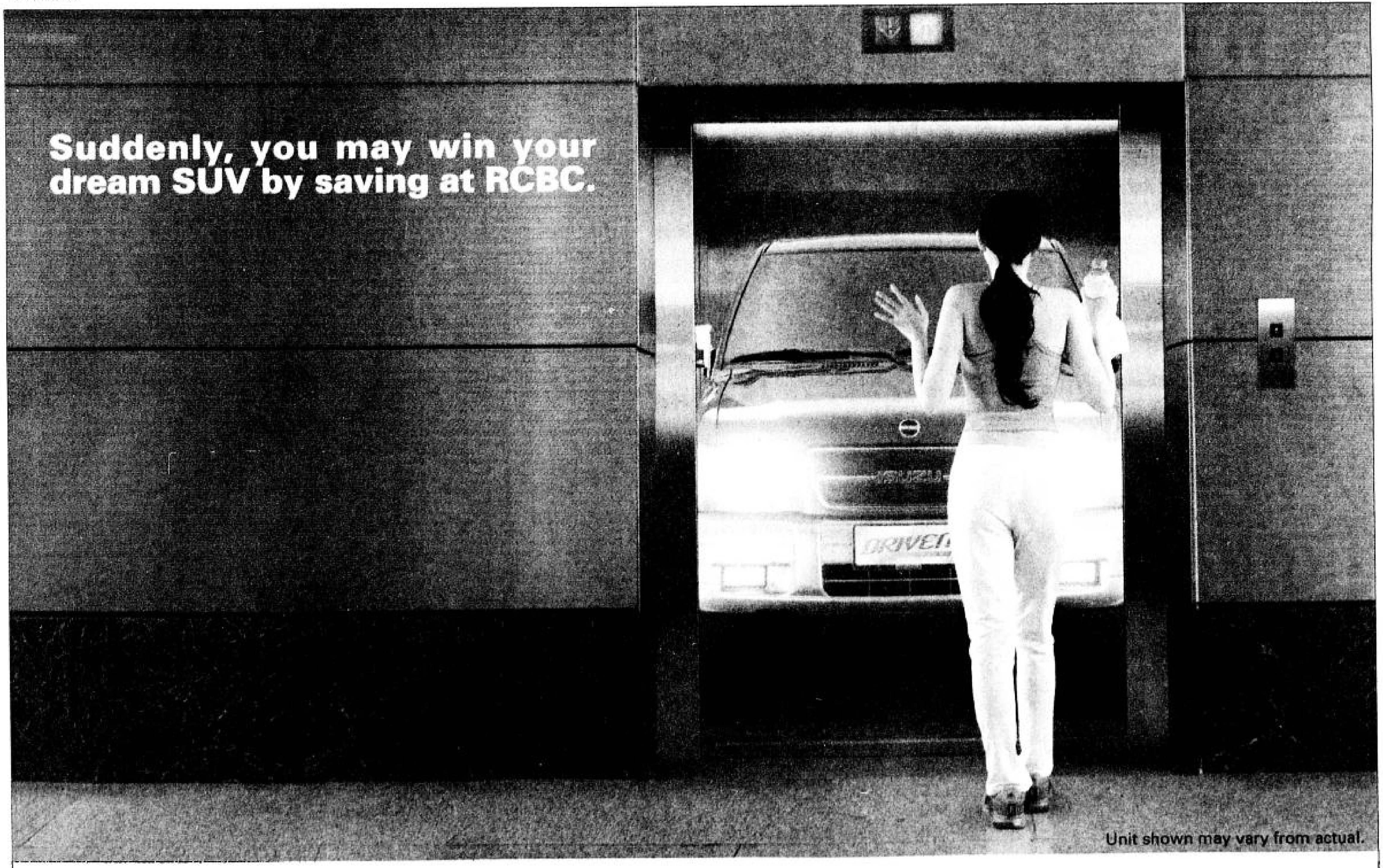

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A primer on the VAT controversy

By Dennis M. Arroyo
Contributor

YOU MAY have heard of the paper on VAT by 11 economists from the University of the Philippines ("the UP 11"). The following sums up a few of its points. Think of it as your cram sheet.

Why the big fight about taxes?

Because tax evasion is widespread in the Philippines, the government is getting less and less money over the years. The plunge has reached crisis proportions, cutting deeply into social spending. For example, spending on education has fallen: from 3.4 percent of GDP in 1999 to 2.7 percent in 2004. In fact the 2005 budget predicts a further contraction of funds.

It's so bad that the Education Secretary had to go begging to the private sector for funds to rebuild classrooms ruined by the Quezon floods last December.

How much is needed in additional revenue?

The country must raise at least P108 billion in additional revenues for the year. Around half of that is to restore social spending to levels that are halfway to decent. The other half is just to assure the world's credit markets and to avoid a future default.

Why assure the world's credit markets?

In September the government will be tapping the global financial markets to borrow money it needs. A mangled VAT law, or no law at all, will ruin the credibility of the Philippines—despite all the evidence, we can't seem to put our house in order. That in turn will hike the interest the nation must pay, piling on an additional P 5 billion burden.

Where will the Philippines get the additional P108 billion?

At first the government proposed eight tax measures, but four were abandoned. The Lateral Attrition bill was passed into law, but its effects on revenues were not clear.

What were left were these steps: (1) Update the taxes on sin (tobacco and alcohol) products, (2) Hike the value-added tax (VAT) from the present 10 per-

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On the hunt for tax cheats

By Michelle V. Remo

FINANCE Chief Cesar Purisima (left) and BIR Commissioner Guillermo Parayno (right) are serious about putting faces on tax evaders.

THE PROBLEM of of tax evasion in the country has never been given a face in the past until the government came up with a program called RATE (Run After Tax Evaders).

The government is under tremendous pressure to fix its fiscal problems and it has been pushing for new tax measures to help fill the huge hole in its coffers.

One of the ways to help plug the estimated P200 billion in uncollected taxes yearly, is to discourage tax evasion.

RATE was launched by the Department of Financie and attached agency the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Under the program, the two agencies file tax evasion charges every week against celebrities or known business entities/personalities.

"This will prove to doubting Thomases that the government is serious in going after tax evaders," said Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima, who has been in the DOF's top post barely two months. He believes letting people see that big names are being prosecuted for tax evasion will finally make the public conscious about their tax compliance.

Since its launch over a months ago, the government has already filed tax evasion charges against six personalities and businesses. These include television host and INQUIRER columnist Cristina Aboitiz-Juan, celebrity doctor Joel Cortez Mendez, basketball star Asi Taulava, former military comptroller Maj. General Carlos Garcia, Philippine Telephone & Telegraph Corp. (PT&T), and Excellance Weaving Mills Inc.

The last two were also filed estafa charges, aside from tax evasion.

In the case of PT&T, the BIR said it had not been remitting withholding taxes amounting to more than P560 million as of January this year. On the other hand, Excellance declared false information in its tax returns for 2000 and 2001.

Purisima stressed that companies are required to remit withholding taxes, no matter how they are performing financially, because the money belongs to the government and that they simply act as withholding agents. Non-remittance of withholding taxes thus constitute estafa, the DOF stressed.

"We intend to continue putting pressure on tax evaders without letup. Operation RATE is not only for show. Tax evaders must realize that it is a reality and that sooner or later we will get to them."

The RATE program is complementary to the Tax Mapping drive earlier launched by the BIR. Under the Tax Mapping, revenue personnel are sent to the field to investigate the tax compliance of

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The economy also mirrors the bureaucracy

MAPPING THE FUTURE

Antonio T. Hernandez

DOWNGRADED once more by international rating agencies, our economic alarm bells wake us up one more time to the failings in our fiscal governance. While our neighbor countries have all pulled away from the 1997 Asian financial crisis, the Philippines seems to stick it out down and downwards. Seemingly back to that contemptuous epithet as "the sick man of Asia." Much sicker, if not for the OFWs who must leave home to seek a better deal abroad.

Success essentials

Isn't it pathetic that we have to listen to a foreigner to understand what is wrong with us? It took the Prime Minister of Singapore to remind us, some months back, of the essentials of success and development:

1. A system of government kept clean;
2. A well-paid bureaucracy; and
3. The certainty of punishment of corrupt officials and employees.

It is decidedly the reverse of what is obtaining in the local scene. And now, a few months thereafter, we are ingloriously ranked "No. 2 on Asia graft list" by a survey of foreigners in the region.

In all candor, who among our leaders do not know these glaring essentials? Who among our economic managers? ... Who among our program implementors/enforcers, for that matter, do not know these screaming pre-conditions to success and development? They are obviously too basic for anyone, specially those in positions of trust, to claim ignorance. Yet these essentials seem so distant, so contrasting to our present run of things.

Lamentable predilection

What is it that prevents us to adopt, and cultivate what our neighbors, like Singapore, have put in place years back ... yes, decades ago? What ever happened to the so-called "private sector" from whose ranks the bureaucracy is staffed?

Have our religious beliefs—the benign, the forgiving, the forgetting (or the lack of it)—have anything to do with the situation? Or is it our brand of *pakikisama*, or plainly the lure of get-rich-quick, of materialism selfishly at play? Or is it our lack of will, of political will to do what is right because it is not popular? Or can it be our national sense having miserably gone honor-dead after years of missteps—seemingly drifting toward a lamentable predilection that dignifies the crook, cuddles the notorious and elects the pretentious?

Sense of indignation

Cries of anguish have rather been frequent in the recent past. A manifestation of the fear and pain of a dangerous drift; but nonetheless, a sign that we have not yet lost our emotional sensitiveness, our sense of indignation of what is unworthy; an index of our awareness and aspiration to bounce back and reform! And why should we not?

The question is where do we begin? When do we start? How do we prioritize? Who will lead the way?

We really don't have to look far. We have OURSELVES to begin with. And we need to start NOW! The present is first and foremost. The future will take care of itself. Priority will always be PEOPLE—the dynamic link to the future—the LEADERSHIP who influences the course of events.

Like managing a household

Governing a country, managing the bureaucracy is, in lower terms, no different from leading a company or, for that matter, managing a household. Practically similar organizational issues and concerns parallel each other i.e., issues of headship, of finances, of honor, of discipline, of transparency, of physical health, of external relations with neighbors. The magnitude may differ but the principles involved are the same unarguable values like integrity, fairness, trust, dignity, contribution and kindness among others.

Going back to Singapore's success story, a clean system of government as a pre-condition is by itself a consequence of the two other precedents. One, the will to punish the corrupt; and two, a well-paid bureaucracy i.e., "proper wages even at the working level" to support decent living and help fortify the civil servants' moral fiber. In either case, the WILL takes precedence.

A matter of will

Reformation cannot but be a matter of WILL more than of means. You may have the means but if the WILL is not there, nothing happens. Whereas, if you have the WILL, the means will present itself to make things happen. And this is essential at the leadership level ... the level which calls the shots and where the buck stops.

Do we have that brand of leadership in our organizations ? In our society? A selfless leadership which will not compromise with wrong? A leadership which has the courage and the resolve to practice and live by the rules? For indeed, it is the actual practice of what it preaches that makes leadership credible. And credibility is an important ingredient to enforce compliance and encourage followership. How can one, for instance; ever heed an unrepentant cheat espousing the virtue of honesty? ... or an all-time profligate exhorting moderation? ... or a rapacious opportunist preaching business ethics? This in itself is the core of a discordant governance. And this must change.

Credibility of leadership

Only a credible leadership can enforce and sustain a system of clean governance. A leadership determined to ostracize the corrupt with no exception. A leadership which will select for the bureaucracy only the honest, the brightest and the dedicated. A leadership which will compensate officers and employees adequately; simplify strategies; and set up the standards against which performance can be monitored, measured and rewarded accordingly.

The current fiscal difficulties cannot be dissociated with bad spending driven by self-interest; with talent used to trifle with the rules and short-change the governed; with public figures serving their personal agenda.

The remedial approach of belt-tightening—more government controls, more regulatory requirements, and even more taxation; not to mention reactionary downsizing or arbitrary across-the-board cutbacks in the guise of austerity measures—may be a quick attempt to alleviate, to save short term pesos. But seldom are they surgically precise. Both the recent and distant past experiences refute their merits. Even reasonable taxation becomes iniquitous when revenues are only lost to corruption made lucrative thru more regulatory hurdles.

Performance management

The drift towards greater government regimentation and controls invite more risks than would an effective management put in place in the context of performance standards—where the attainment of institutional targets are the determinants under a risk-reward dynamics. Where employees/new hires are well-prepared and properly placed to perform at their highest level of competence.

The tendency towards more government regimen scares and drives away management initiative. And soon public managers lose their ability, to make decisions when faced with market-determined, not regulator-determined problems.

Similarly, because personnel cost of public enterprises are typically second only to financial overhead, downsizing or reductions in benefits are a natural target. Improperly handled, initial cutbacks can lead to service quality deterioration that may in turn trigger more dissatisfactions/losses and lead to more indiscriminate personnel cuts. And soon leave the institution scarred, weakened and vulnerable. Positions critical to top-quality services could inadvertently be eliminated. Its haphazard nature can erode the confidence and trust of remaining employees.

Making downsizing work

The way to make downsizing or cutbacks succeed is for public enterprises to first individually agree on the characteristics and relevance of its respective current functional role or business base, and its future potential and contributions. Are they still valid and responsive? After which, they may proceed to rethink and map out the strategies, and simplify the operating procedures that could result to more economy, more productivity and competitiveness.

"This process recognizes that downsizing, or budget cutbacks is not an end in itself. It is a starting point. It is an event; it is a process that can only be achieved over time."

Walk your talk, build trust

The Philippine management team should begin to consider and act out—rather than just listen to --- what the Singapore example is emphasizing. Like badminton, leadership is not talk, it is action! As author Stephen Covey puts it ... "model the way! ... walk your talk! ... build trust with others through who you are and what you do." And our economic mirror will reflect it.

Do we model behaviors and principles of leadership? That is the question!

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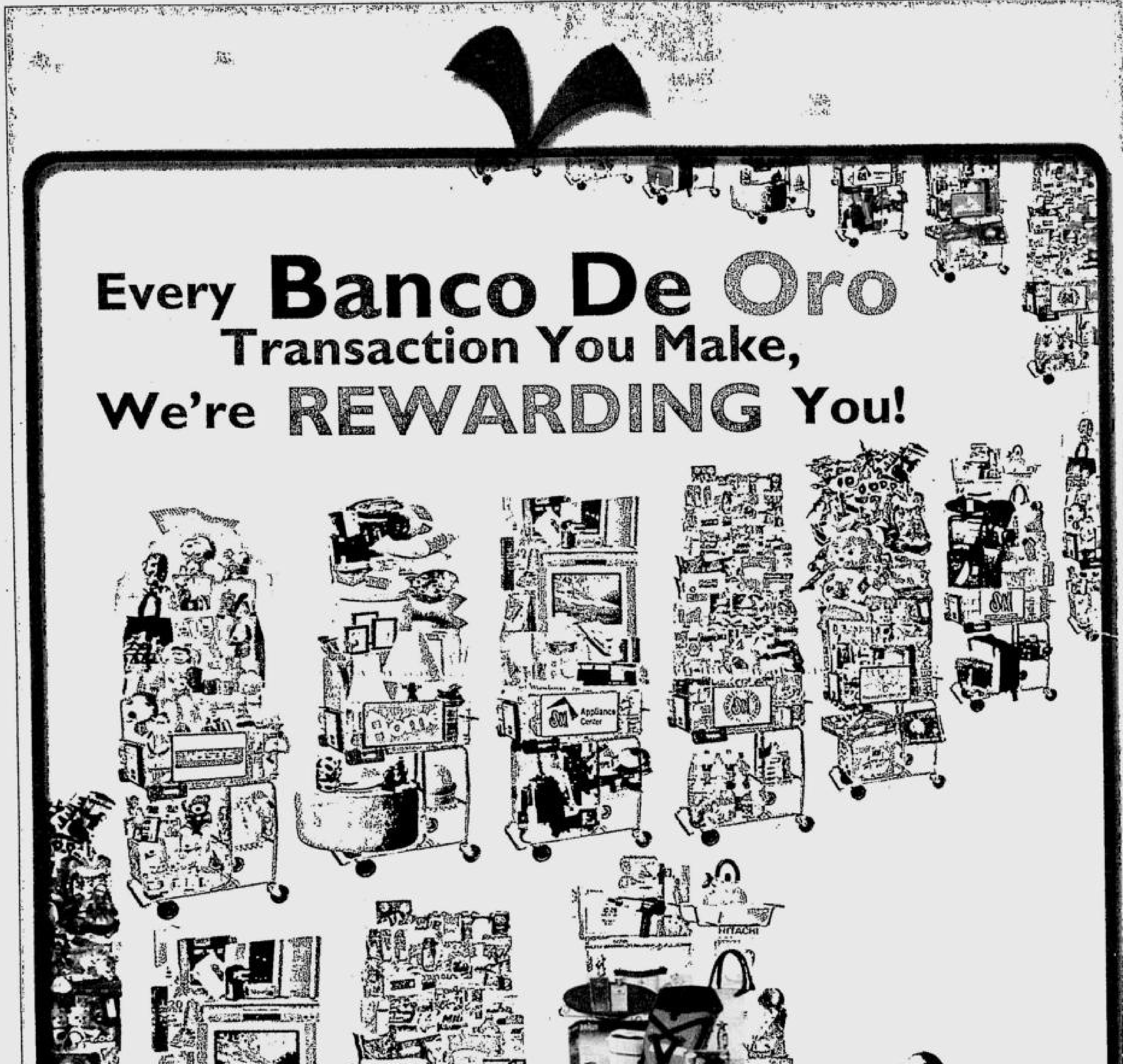
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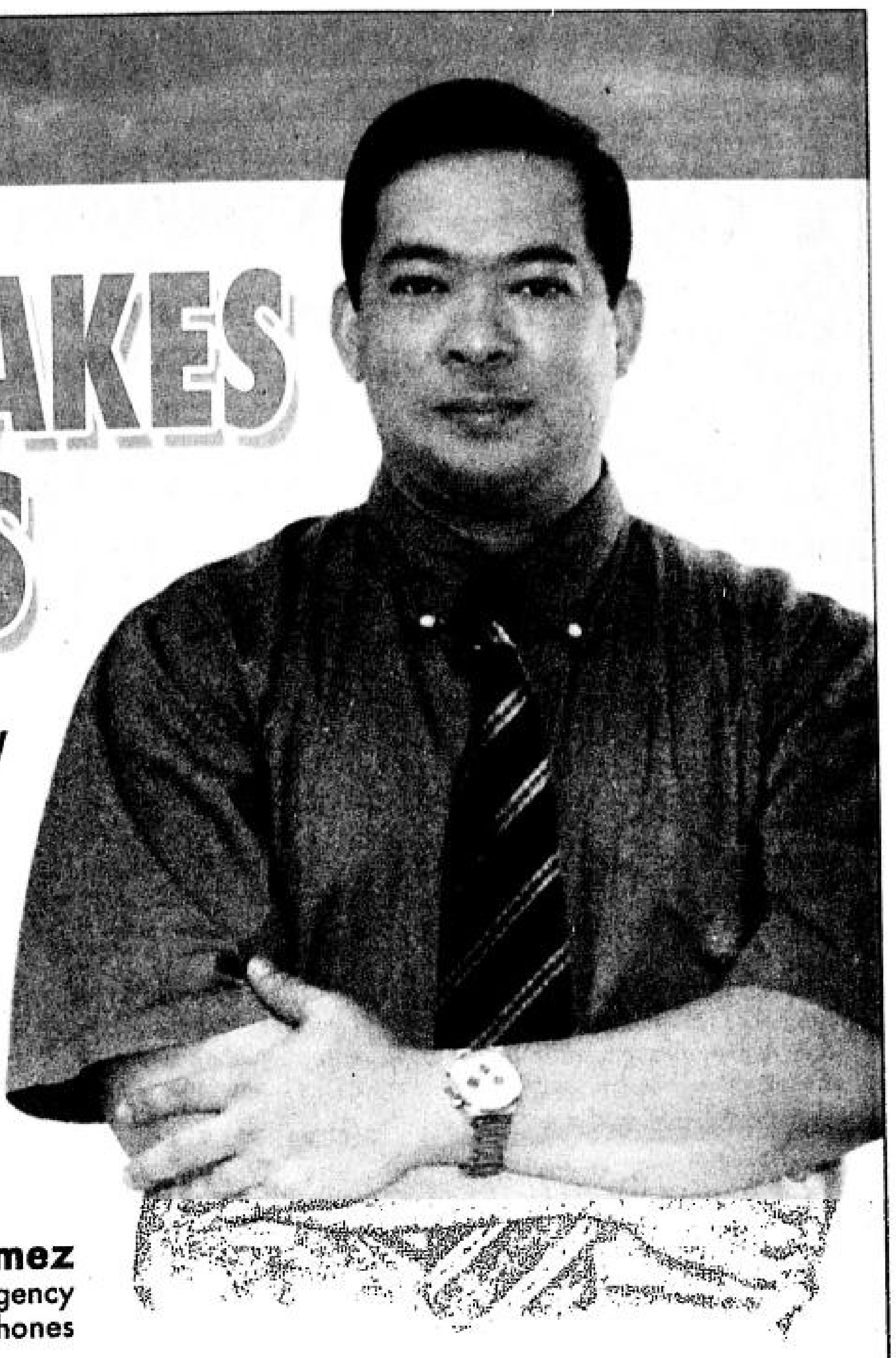

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Business Entrepreneurship And Your Company : Power To Succeed
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Session 1 : 1.30pm - 3:30pm
Critical Lessons From Entreprenuers In Business
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Session 2 : 3:45pm - 5:30pm
The Changing Horizon Of Business Marketing/ Sales What Is Happening/Why Are Traditions-Practices Failing
Speaker : to be announced

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DAY 2 : April 28, 2005 (Thursday)

Link-Up Session : 1pm - 1.30pm
Session 3 : 1.30pm - 3:30pm
Understanding The Tool Of Business Entrepreneurship : The Diagnostic Business Process System (Marketing/Sales)
Speaker : Mr. Raul Rodriquez
Senior Consultant

Session 4 : 3:45pm - 5:30pm
The Framework And Discipline Of Managing The Marketing And Sales For Improved Bottomlines
Speaker : to be announced

BRAINSTORMING : 5:30pm - 6pm

DAY 3 April 29, 2--5 (Friday)

Link-Up Session : 1pm - 1.30pm

Session 5 : 1.30pm - 3.30pm
An Integrated Marketing/Sales IT For The Business Entrepreneur In a convergent market
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Express yourself

A LEADER'S WAY

John C. Maxwell

WHAT comes to mind when you think of a great speech? Maybe it's Abraham Lincoln's brief-yet-powerful Gettysburg Address. Perhaps it's Winston Churchill's memorable admonition to "never, never, never, never give up." Or maybe it's Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "I have a dream" discourse.

Whatever the case, the words stick in your mind, not only because they were spoken by great leaders at pivotal points in history, but also because they concisely convey great vision, passion and conviction.

Not every leader possesses the oratorical skills of, say, a Martin Luther King Jr. But whether you lead a cultural movement, a Fortune 500 company, a small non-profit organization, or a tiny department within a larger corporation, you must be able to express your thoughts publicly in a way that gets through to your intended audience.

This is easy for some leaders and extremely difficult for others. Due to experience, training, or personality, some people are comfortable behind a microphone, while others break out in a cold sweat just thinking about addressing a group of more than three or four people. I can sympathize with the people who fall into the latter category. Nonetheless, I still believe that every leader should master the art of public speaking. Why? Here are five simple reasons.

1. To articulate, reinforce and intensify the values and beliefs of your organization. Your company's values and beliefs may be incredibly solid, but you make a big mistake if you assume everyone knows what they are and why they are important.

2. To educate, persuade and sell people on new ideas. As agents of change, leaders must continually introduce new concepts and ideas, and encourage people to embrace them.

3. To inform the people you lead about the actions you are taking. This is particularly crucial during periods of great change or turmoil. Keeping people informed in good times as well as bad, is also a good way to model consistency.

4. To build support and enthusiasm. It's much easier to get excited about new projects or necessary adjustments when you hear about them in person instead of reading about them in a memo or report. Your spoken words set the tone for how people respond to whatever is going on in your organization.

5. To inspire people to take action. This is the bottom line when it comes to the role of a leader. If you're not inspiring people to do something-keep up the good work, increase productivity, improve their attitudes, find new ways of doing things, embrace a new strategy, etc.—you're not really leading them.

Communicating tips

These five points explain why it's critical for leaders to master the art of public speaking. Now let me offer a few tips about how you can communicate your vision and make your presentations more effective.

1. Speak in simple and common language. I often use the phrase, "Put the cookies on the lower shelf so that everyone can have some." Don't try to impress people with flowery phrases and five-syllable words. Just say what you need to say using terminology they can understand.

2. Repeat words until they become themes. In King's great "I Have a Dream" speech, he used the words, "Let freedom ring" nearly a dozen times. Repeating meaningful phrases like that, whether they have to do with corporate values, sales goals, or significant challenges your company is facing, helps your message stick in the minds of your listeners. It also helps them see that you are truly passionate about what you're saying.

3. Tell personal stories. Facts, figures, charts and graphs are important and often necessary. But if you use compelling anecdotes about yourself to illustrate key points in your speeches, that's what people will remember. Nothing captures the heart of an audience more than a personal story.

By incorporating these elements into your speaking, you'll be much more likely to connect with your audience emotionally, as well as intellectually. Then, and only then, can you get on with the business of educating, informing, persuading and inspiring.

Send comments or questions to Dr Maxwell c/o slvguru@pldtDSL.net

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2. Legal opinion of the Office of the President in November 26, 2004 affirming the legality of the transfer of funds to the SHFC
3. Repeated promises for the SHFC operationalization by the former HUDCC Chair Michael Defensor and now HUDCC Chair, Vice-President Noli de Castro
4. NHMFC Board Resolution No. 3359 on February 14, 2005 approving the reduction of the SHFC capitalization and the release of PhP 6.2 million for its registration as well as the signatories to the SHFC Articles of Incormation and By-Laws
5. Signing of the SHFC Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws by HUDCC, Department of Finance, Department of Interior and Local Government and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT THE NHMFC OFFICERS DO NOT INTEND TO OPERATIONALIZE SHFC AS DIRECTED BY YOUR EXCELLENCY BECAUSE THEY ARE PRESENTLY USING THE HARD EARNED REPAYMENTS OF THE URBAN POOR FOR THEIR SALARIES, BONUSES, ETC.

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commercial establishments nationwide.

This year, the BIR is targeting to "tax map" at least 300,000 establishments.

The BIR, the biggest revenue contributor among government agencies, is hard-pressed to significantly improve tax collection with the anti-tax evasion programs.

To further stress the government's determination in going against tax evaders, the DOF earlier announced that it was giving as much as P1 million in reward to people who will provide information leading to the recovery of uncollected taxes.

To comments that the reward system might lead to a culture of distrust or result in unfounded complaints of tax evasion, Purisima said taxpayers need not fear of being prosecuted if they have nothing to hide.

For those who are concerned that they might have remitted inaccurate taxes in the past, Purisima is encouraging them to simply avail of the government's No-Audit Program (NAP) before being caught by revenue authorities.

Under the NAP, delinquent taxpayers will be exempted from tax audit by the government if they will voluntarily increase their income tax payments for a taxable year by 20 percent from that of the previous year.

"Avail of the NAP if you don't want to have sleepless nights," Purisima earlier said, addressing delinquent taxpayers still in hiding.

The NAP, implemented upon the issuance of Executive Order No. 399, is aimed at easily collecting taxes for the government without the expensive administrative cost of investigations and court proceedings.

While admitting that corruption in government is still one of the culprits leading to huge revenue losses, the DOF and the BIR said it's not enough to fix one side of the problem. Corruption has to be solved together with the penchant of many to under-declare if not totally evade taxes.

"It is the inherent right of the state to collect taxes," Purisima said. He stressed that corruption in government, while it should be equally fought against, is not an excuse for people not to comply with their tax obligations.

He assured the public though that the government is likewise intensifying its campaign against corruption in government. Purisima said the DOF intends to strengthen the Revenue Integrity Protection Service (RIPS), which conducts lifestyle checks among officials and employees of revenue collection agencies such as the BIR and the Bureau of Customs.

The DOF is seeking for additional funds to widen the coverage of RIPS to include more government agencies aside from the BIR and the BOC, and to employ additional manpower.

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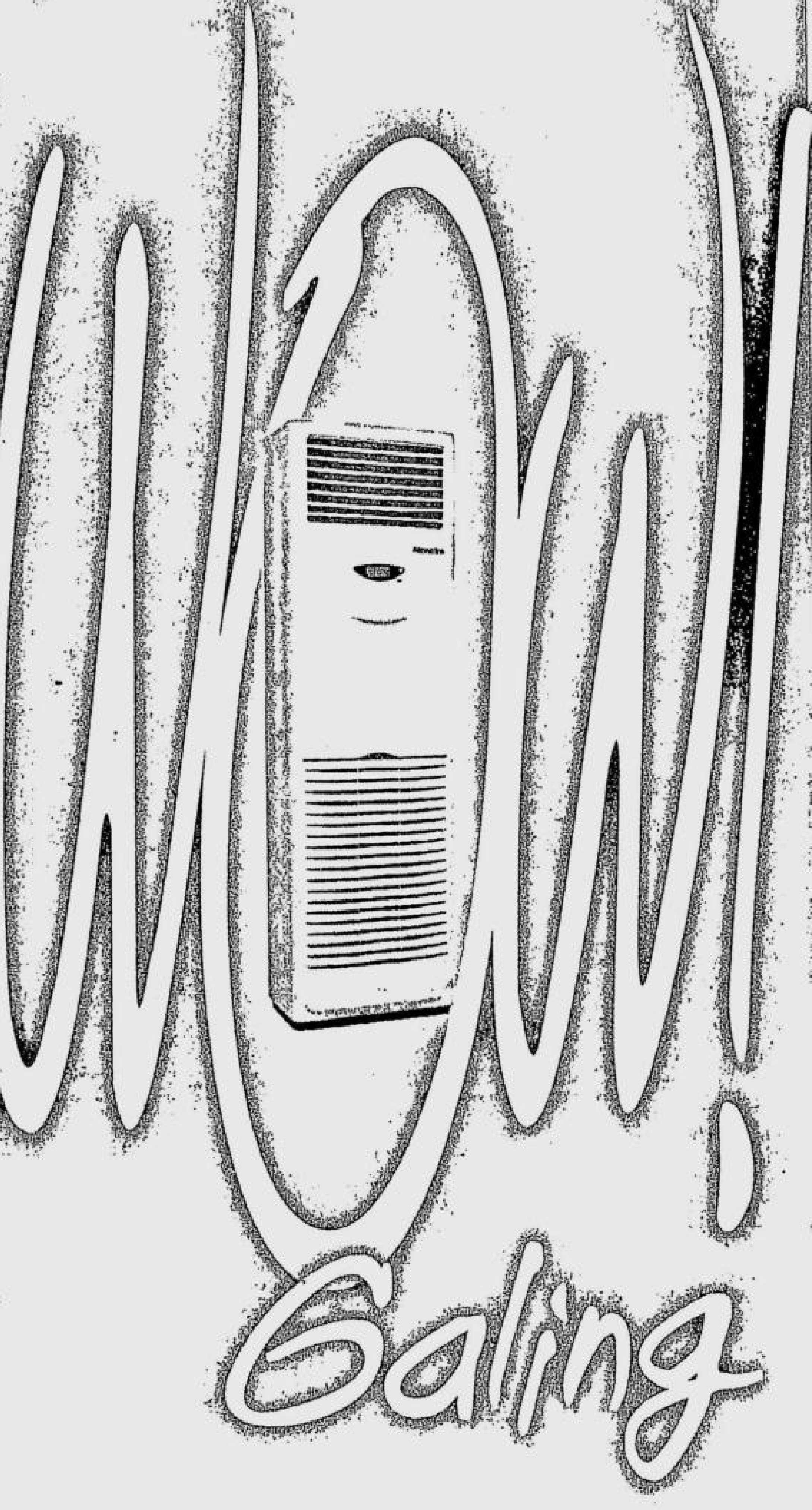

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To earn more, Filipinos need to be less risk-averse

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

A LOT of Filipinos have lost their shirts to investment scams and other money-making ventures that promised stratospheric yields.

Bigshot brokers who made their fortunes in the stock market like Wilson Sy or Ignacio Gimenez admit to losing money first before making it big.

Market experts however say Filipinos have more than just an allergic reaction to the very mention of risk when it comes to hard-earned money and lifetime savings.

In a recent launch by mutual fund PhilEquity Fund of its new partnership with eBiz, PhilEquity Management Inc. chair Roberto Lorayes says Filipinos are not natural investors.

In fact, there are a number of reasons why Filipinos are conservative when it comes to investing.

Lorayes says most Filipinos are risk-averse, they don't know where to put their money in, they seem to see a lack of investment opportunities and are overly brand name conscious.

He also notes that as a result of this conservative mindset, most Filipinos prefer to put their money in government securities or time deposits. Of course there is nothing wrong with that.

But what is happening is a situation of "dis-savings" where the investor suffers economic losses because of accelerating inflation at 8.5 percent to date against the returns they get from short-term fixed income investments like the 90-day Treasury bill at around 6.7 percent and the 90-day time deposit at 5.375 percent.

Author and financial adviser Francisco Colayco talks of another mindset wherein the common man wants to earn more because he feels the solution to financial security is to own and run a business. The common man also thinks there is no sense to save since savings don't give good earnings and that somehow, someone will always provide.

Mutual funds

Colayco says this is where mutual funds can expand wealth. Mutual funds are a pool of funds that are invested in fixed income securities or stocks and offer a certain yield.

"The mutual fund industry is a great equalizer. It makes the law of large numbers work for the common investor. Mutual funds to my mind has offered to us the platform for personal growth," he sais.

Colayco says in order to create wealth, investors should generally follow the 80/20 rule. This means one should set aside 20 percent of one's active income to create passive income while the 80 percent sustains one's needs.

An ordinary man which earns P20,000 a month or P240,000 a year for instance can grow his income to as much as P360,000 on the fifth year if he puts 20 percent of his money in a mutual fund like PhilEquity Fund Inc., assuming the interest rate earned a year from the fund is at least 15 percent.

"This is to me the magic of mutual funds or the magic of passive entrepreneurship. The challenge is to make this available to the ordinary income earner without too much front-loading," Colayco says.

Philequity fund

To respond to the challenge, PhilEquity Management through its flagship product PhilEquity Fund, is reaching out to the common investors by partnering with eBusiness Services Inc. to promote its products.

eBusiness Services is a subsidiary of iVantage Corp. and is engaged in financial services such as remittances.

Meantime, PhilEquity Fund is invested in a selection of stocks usually blue chip issues. In its 10-year operating history, it has generated a compounded annual return of 20 percent.

Aside from stocks PhilEquity also offers windows to invest in money market funds (i.e.Tbills) through its Money Market Fund; dollar bonds including Philippine sovereign dollar debt through its Dollar Income Fund; and invest in the composite index through its Index Fund.

One needs to shell out only P5,000 and for additional investments, at least P1,000. Shares in the mutual fund can be redeemed anytime the investor wishes to. A small fee is charged to those investors who wish to divest their investments before the end of two years or usually 2 percent of the total redemption proceeds if redeemed on the first year, 1.5 percent on the second year and none after the second year.

An investor could also invest through any of e-Biz's 12 branches nationwide.

With the stock market recently boosted by foreign funds, Lorayes is confident foreign money will stay here for some thing , specially after seeing at the government is taking bold steps in solving the country's fiscal problem.

Lorayes adds the growth in the stock market is supported by higher corporate incomes and the fast growing business process outsourcing industry or call centers.

"Because of all of these call centers, many unutilized condos are beginning to be occupied. Normally the stock market precedes a real estate boom and so you are now beginning to see that the property market is strengthening. Things are looking positively and foreign funds are moving heavily into Asia," Lorayes says.

In January, the PSE emerged as the best-performing stock exchange in the region with the 30-company composite index surging 10.8 percent or 196.73 points to 2,019.56 from 1,822.83 in December last year. It was the second-best performer in 2004.

A primer on the VAT controversy

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cent to 12 percent, and (3) Plug various tax exemptions ("rationalize fiscal incentives").

How much new money will these measures earn?

Below are the additional revenues from each step:

Sin tax law P 6.7 billion only (as the bill was diluted)
Raising VAT 30.0 billion (pending)
Rationalizing
fiscal incentives 5.0 billion (pending, partly covered by VAT proposal)

So far, that totals P 41.7 billion, a far cry from the needed P 108 billion. In fact it's not even enough to placate the world's financial markets. Worse, what has actually been achieved is only the sin tax law and its coming P6.7 billion.

Why the controversy over the hike in the VAT?

Because the proposed VAT law is the major step remaining among the urgent fiscal reforms. And even that is in danger of getting mangled. Further, all tax hikes involve pain, so they tend to be controversial.

But aren't people used to a nice, neat, 10 percent VAT?

A 10 percent VAT makes computation easier, and that level is seen in countries like Indonesia, Thailand, and Vietnam. But these nations are not facing fiscal problems as deep as those of the Philippines. A 15 percent VAT is the average in the fiscally troubled nations of Latin America.

Won't raising the VAT hike prices?

Yes, it will raise prices somewhat. But the idea is to share the burden across all sectors of society, rather than punishing a single sector. As it is, the fiscal crisis is already hitting hard on children who lack classrooms, farmers who lack rural roads, on the urban poor who lack housing.

Isn't the VAT hike anti-poor?

That's a misconception. Check out the data below which are based on one of the Family Income and Expenditure Surveys. Filipino families can be cut up into different groups, based on their spending: from the poorest 1 percent to the richest 1 percent. The column on the right shows the share of these groups in the total VAT due.

Poorest 1 percent	0.1 percent of VAT share
1 to 10	1.4
10 to 25	4.1
25 to 50	11.5
50 to 75	21.1
75 to 90	22.7
90 to 99	26.3
Richest 1 percent	12.6

The point is, the rich will be more burdened by the VAT hike than the poor. Almost 40 percent of the VAT will come from the richest 10 percent of the population. The poorer half will bear only 17.1 percent of the VAT.

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'Articulate what you need and your expectations'

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

MANAGEMENT STYLES

IT TOOK a while to learn to 'text' but now it is one of his management tools.

And he is also getting used to the fact that in the Philippines there are more femals salespersos compared with other countries which have more males.

Berkley International Philippines Inc. president Alan Rafe has barely been a year in the Philippines but has adopted pretty well in the local setting even taking to wearing the traditional barong.

The College Assurance Plan (CAP) crisis has so far not affected their business, says Rafe. Berkley International is the top three in the educational plan busines sin the country. Although it got some bad publicity with the aggressive stance take by its marketing arm, Family First, seven few years ago, it has adopted very strict measures to prevent errors and which propelled upwards.

Rafe acknowledges that the Philippines is a unique market. "There remains a high demand for education type products."

This is unlike in other countries where the popular products are endowments. The demand in the Philippines is also limited, unlike in some places like Hong Kong where there are about 100 different products available.

In buying an insurance or a pre-need product, Rafe suggests buyers take these into consideration:

1. See the financial stability of company.
2. Have to have an idea of what you want to achieve with your money and your resources.
3. Be comfortable with the company you are buying from.

One unique strategy adopted by Berkley is locating its selling in the malls, principally SM, which are high-traffic areas. This strategy was followed by other pre-need firms including some of the biggest in the country. The strategy of Family First is to invite consumers to the office for a presentation. Those who attend the presentations get gifts. All sales are finalized in the Berkley offices only..

Rafe notes the growth potential of the business is in the provinces than in Metro Manila, which is why they plan open more offices outside.

And in the Philippines, the women appear to be the more effectives sales persons compared with in other countries which are dominated by males.

Selling, Rafe believes involves going to the people. "You just have to see people."

Rafe himself does selling by "people prospecting."

"I do not sit around meeting the whole day. I have so many activities. I start the day at 8 a.m. and do branch visits and interact with the senior managers," he states.

Rafe adopts an open door policy in managing people. He also believes in empowering individuals.

"I don't micro manage but I set the guidelines and I make them accountable to the outcome. You need a set of guidelines to know the boundaries. And you need to articulate what you need and your expectations."

Rafe is getting used to the Filipino attitude of giving feedback via someone else and although he does not go into the details, it is still important "to keep a close eye on people."

But he appreciates the warmth of the Filipinos. Rafe came from Family First Ltd. in Hong Kong where he was managing director from 2003 to 2004. He grew up in New Zealand where he took up his MBA from the Waikato University.

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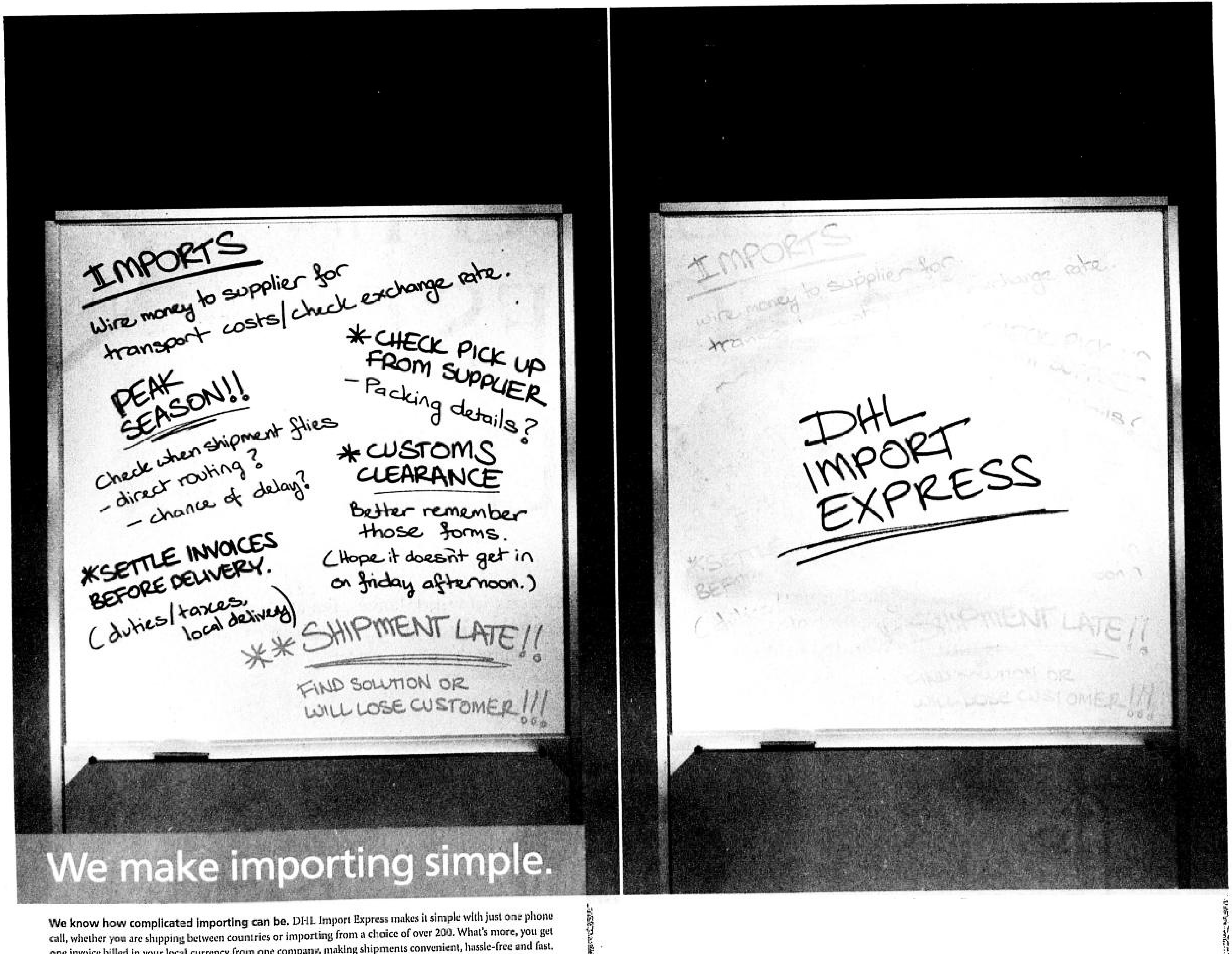

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Heritage conservation is everyone's business

PRIDE OF PLACE

Augusto F. Villalon

AMERICAN wood scientist Ron Anthony and heritage specialist Jim Joy were recent guests of the Heritage Conservation Society. The HCS partnered with the Dagupan Heritage Council and the Embassy of the United States in arranging three lectures by Anthony during his brief Manila visit.

After inspecting several heritage sites in Dagupan with city and HCS members, Anthony spoke on aspects of heritage conservation and pointed out the uniqueness of Dagupan heritage during a meeting organized by the Dagupan Heritage Council with Mayor Benjamin Lim.

As one of the speakers at the UP Art Studies Class 281 forum, "Securing Our Church Cultural Heritage," Anthony underscored the multidisciplinary nature of heritage conservation, where a team including architects, engineers, technicians, historians and other professionals is required to develop a conservation methodology before carrying a project through.

Textbook solutions, warned Anthony, could be more damaging to heritage structures. He pointed out the need for architects, engineers and other construction professionals to think creatively.

Replacing entire roof systems of antique wooden trusses with steel instead of repairing only damaged wooden members can be costlier and equally damaging to old structural systems not designed to take the stresses of steel framing. To avoid similar conservation blunders, consultation with building owners and other specialists is the key to protecting our heritage effectively.

Anthony's second presentation was to a large audience in the elegantly restored ballroom of the US embassy in Manila. He spoke of conservation rationale, of how old buildings and neighborhoods could be "read" to actually tell the story of the people, and of how fleeting heritage was. Once heritage vanishes, it is gone forever.

Heritage mission

Sponsoring conservation experts like Ron Anthony and Jim Joy to share their expertise with local heritage practitioners is one of the many Heritage Conservation Society's activities.

The organization continues with its mission of protecting the Philippine built heritage from vanishing, refocusing its advocacy within the past two years toward local governments and professional organizations.

HCS provides consultancy services to undertake heritage projects. It has restored heritage schoolhouses in Bacolod and Baguio. It is in

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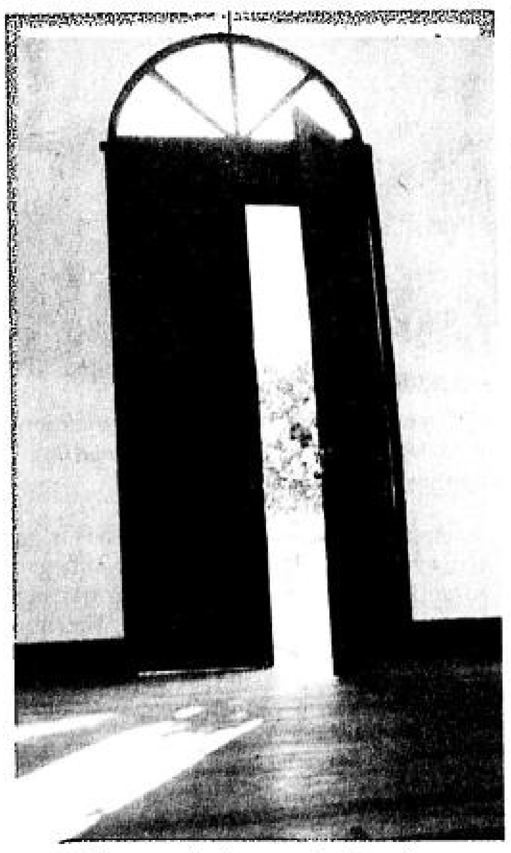

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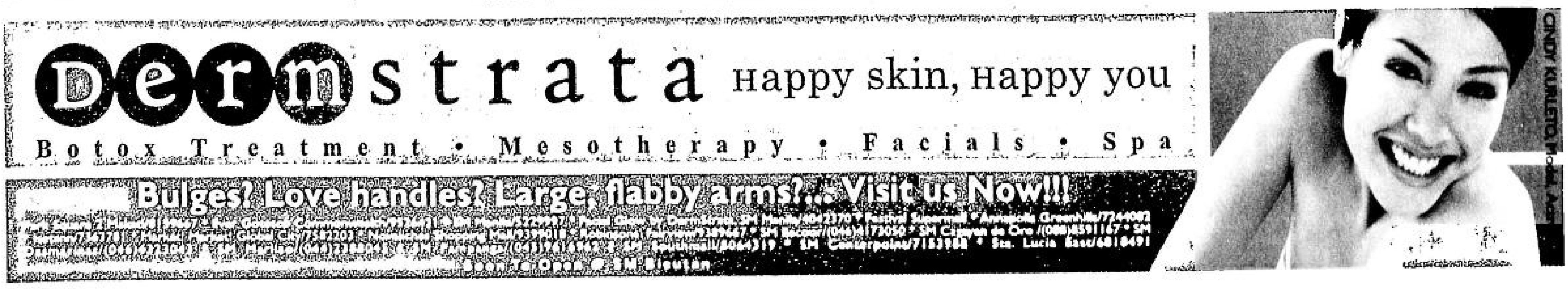

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Roberto Chabet's enigmatic art-making

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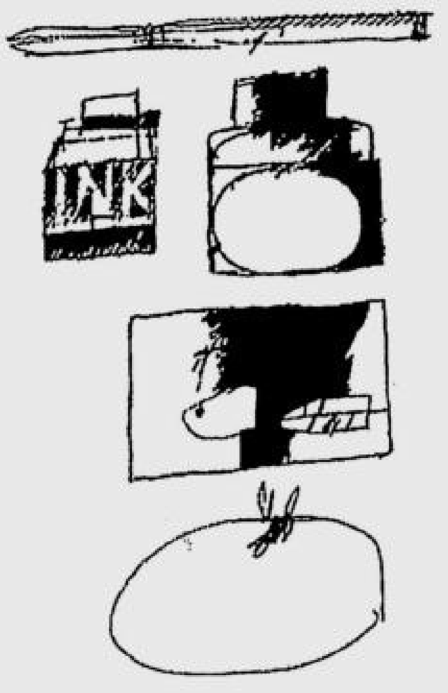

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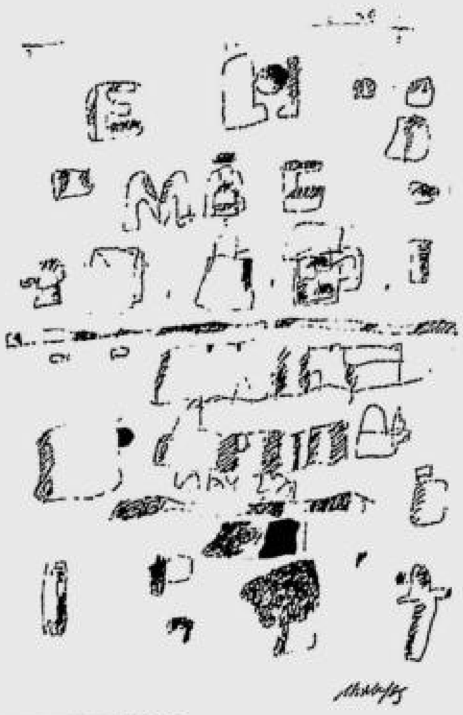


"UNTITLED" 17

ROBERTO Chabet, the pioneer of Conceptual Art in the country, has enriched Philippine art foremost with his ideas. Some disgruntlement over his art-making, however, has long been in the air.

A respected mentor at the University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts, he is known to make his students execute the series of installations he regularly exhibits in his name. That is, he comes up with the concept and design, then lets his assistants take over in the actual painting, polishing and construction of the materials.

This as much he acknowledges, in the book "Conversations on Philippine Art" by Cid Reyes: "It doesn't bother me. It's the only way to do it. If I have an idea for a painting or sculpture, and I think that a professional craftsman can do it better than I can, then I'd let him do it."

If that's the case, argues a former student, why hog the credit? Why put the artwork under your name only, and not acknowledge the assistant as well, as Alfredo Aquilizan and José Tence Ruiz do with their installations?

But it's a common practice among artists, artisans and patrons since—what? the Renaissance? ancient times?

When we say, for instance, that this Indian king constructed the Taj Mahal, do we even think he laid the cornerstone himself, or even designed the structure? When we say the Chinese emperor built the Great Wall, did we expect him to at least lift a trowel?

Chabet would have laughed off the mere idea. Yes, why hog the limelight, indeed?

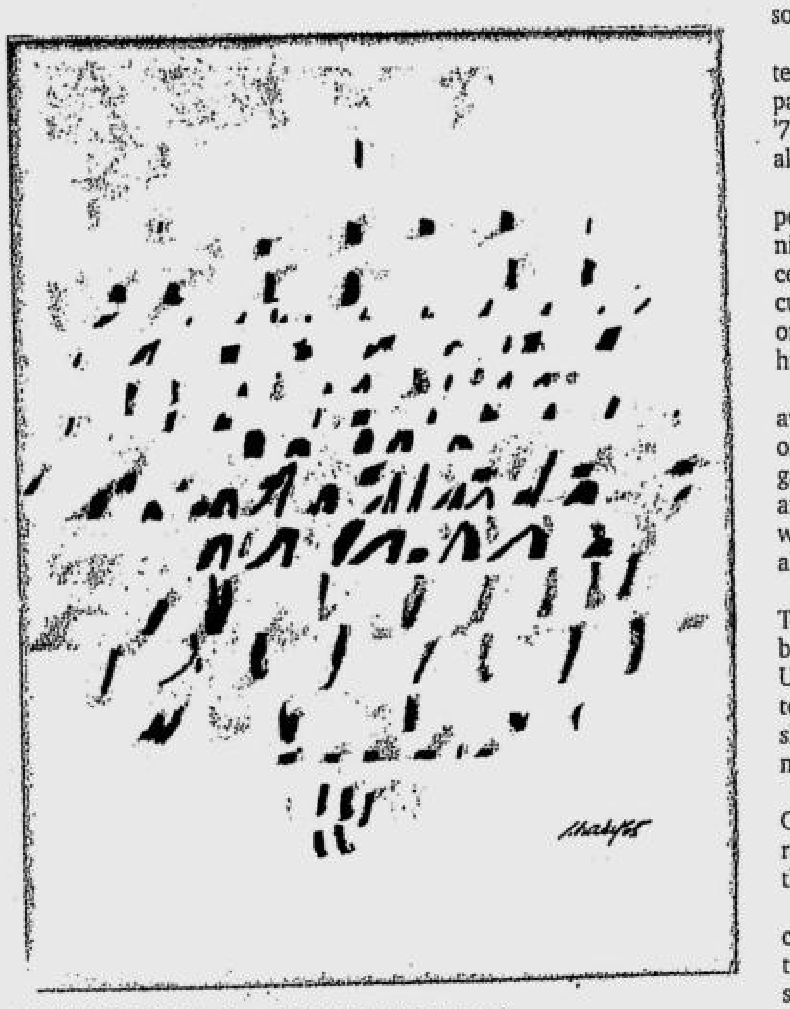
Grim and poetic

In any case, Chabet's concepts and designs in his annual exhibits of installations are daring and profound, with a polish of execution that could only have passed through a strict standard.

In recent installations, he tackled themes as diverse as existential indifference as metaphorized by the fall of Icarus, and the irrational in the quotidian seen through the disarrangement of household objects.

The latest are the mysterious installations simultaneously displayed until April 12 in Finale Art Gallery and West Gallery at the Artwalk, 4/L, Bldg. A, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. The exhibits, "Intermediate Geography," consist of black gleaming objects logically unrelated but visually unified.

WHO'S BASKIN?



"UNTITLED" 5 (top) and "Untitled" 8 (above)

At West, six polygonal wooden boxes lined with mirror are disarrayed on floor and wall. There are two small monochromatic pieces in oil on canvas each depicting a log cabin, one in the woods and another inside a warehouse. The exhibit's title is inscribed in red-orange neon light on the wall.

At Finale is another small related painting. The wall is lined with corrugated-iron sheets, while on the grid-etched floor is laid a sleeping bag—or, could it be a body bag? Writ in flame-red neon tubing on the wall is *Velvet Painting* (but don't expect to see any velvet, okay?).

As in Chabet's previous installations, the imagery is, one might say, poetic. And though the works are usually rendered in a grim monochrome of black, white and gray, a gleam of wit always manages to shine through.

Doubt and praise

But still there are doubters. They believe praise for these works should properly be shared with whomever did their execution—though they admit the man could doubtless turn excellent artworks on his own. They're all praises for his early works, even sounding nostalgic for them.

To erase those doubts, one only has to contemplate the numerous drawings in pencil on paper in "Selected Chabet Drawings 1960s-'70s," his recent exhibit in Galleria Duemila also at the Artwalk.

These are just vignettes, studies, mostly of perspective and shading, many of unrecognizable figures and objects—yet one can discern the confident stroke, the fineness of execution, even in the early years. And this time, one can be sure they were done by the man himself.

Chabet is one of the prime movers of the avant-garde in the country since the heyday of David Cortez Medalla. It is an avant-gardism that's as profound as it is nuanced—so unlike the works of young artists who jumble objects and call it art when actually they're just littering the gallery.

A graduate of the University of Santo Tomas College of Architecture, Chabet has been a long-time professor of Studio Arts in UP. It is this training in architecture that lends to the sense of construction and the relationship of object and space innate in his image-making.

He served as artistic director of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, and was the first curator of its museum. He it was who initiated the Thirteen Artists Awards.

Whatever the judgment on him as artist, it can never be denied that he is a very influential teacher. One only has to look around and see the installations cropping up right and left in Metro Manila the whole year round.

ARTIST-AUTHOR Tam Austria recently gave a talk to the Philippine embassy in Auckland, New Zealand. Photo shows the artist (second from left) with Philippine Honorary Consul Graeme Dabb, as well as Sistine Austria, Ruben Ty of Jade Tours, Mary Divine Austria and Fr. Reuben Elagio, chaplain for Filipinos of the Good Shepherd Church in Auckland.

Angono artists hold summer workshop; Cubi art courses at Joaquin

VISUAL ARTS

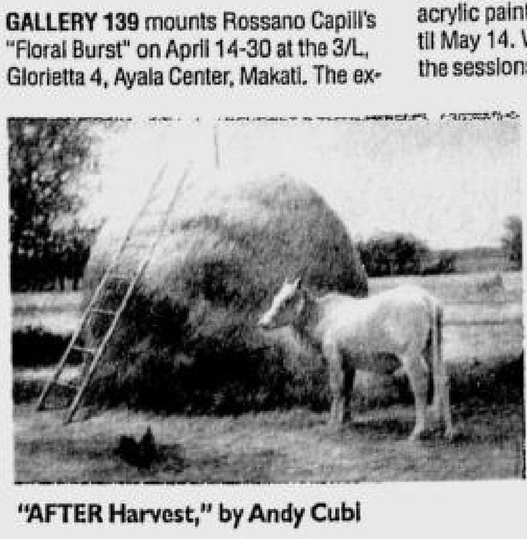
THE ANGONO Artists Association will conduct a summer art workshop on April 11-22 at the Blanco Family Academy, 312 Ibañez St., Angono, Rizal.

GALERIE Joaquin offers an art course for beginners and advanced art students. Andi Cubi, master of romantic realism, will handle the courses. Enrollment is ongoing and classes will start on April 16. Galerie Joaquin is at the 2/F, 371 P. Guevarra St. corner Montessori Lane, Addition Hills, San Juan. Call 7239418.

THE CRUCIBLE Gallery presents Hans Brumann's "Black Lip" on April 5-17 at the 4/F, Megamall A. For this show, Brumann will showcase 11 works, including a triptych titled "Passing Clouds." The black lip shell interspersed between wooden blocks, seemingly hiding and then reappearing, creates an interplay which reminds the artist of clouds. Call 6356061.

GALLERY 139 mounts Rossano Capili's "Floral Burst" on April 14-30 at the 3/L, Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makati. The exhibit's theme centers around floral abstract images featuring a mix-media approach that employs the use of a digital camera, printing machine, hand-colored brushing on arches and archival photo paper sealed with archival varnish. Call 7289724.

PARTICIPANTS try their hands on an outdoor painting at Angono Lakeshore Park.



"AFTER Harvest," by Andy Cubi

ALLIANCE Française de Manille offers classes on terra-cotta sculpture and ceramics, folk art and mask-making, *pastillas* and diorama, basic drawing, acrylic painting and watercolor today until May 14. William Gaudinez will handle the sessions at 209 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel-Air II, Makati. Call 8957585/ 8957441.

THE ALCOVE Photo Gallery invites beginning photographers and hobbyists to join Photo 101: Photography for Beginners by Jay Alonzo on April 20, 21, 22, 25 and 28, 6-9 p.m., at Filipinas Heritage Library, Makati Avenue, Ayala Triangle, Makati. Call 8921801.

THE METROPOLITAN Museum of Manila will hold a Letras y Figuras workshop for art enthusiasts aged 13 and above on April 22-30, 1-4 p.m. Registration is until April 15. A workshop for kids aged 8-12 is slated on April 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, and 29, 1-4 p.m. Registration is until April 11.

ALSO at the Met Museum is an exhibition of works of the 13 Moderns at the Tall Galleries. The works of the 13 Moderns—Victorio Edades, Carlos "Botong" Francisco, Galo Ocampo, Diosdado Lorenzo, Hernando Ocampo, Vicente Manansala, Cesar Legaspi, Anita Magsaysay-Ho, Ricarte Puruganan, Demetrio Diego, Bonifacio Cristobal, Jose Pardo and Arsenio Capili—are from the Bangko Sentral collection. The Museum is at Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Complex, Roxas Boulevard. Call 5237855/ 5361566/ 5230615.

THE POSITIVISM Art Gallery will conduct in Makati City a weekly summer art workshop starting April 9 at Makati Cinema Square, and April 10 at Walter Mart. Students will be introduced to the use of pencil, charcoal, watercolor, oil pastel and mixed media. The workshops will be conducted by E.R. Tagle. Call 8112432 or 0927-5522288.

Heritage conservation . . .

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restoring Pampanga High School in San Fernando, Legarda Elementary School in Manila, and Teachers Camp in Baguio.

HCS members visit local government authorities, making them aware of their unnoticed heritage and the benefits of conservation, establishing close contact with the governments of Quezon province, the cities of San Fernando (Pampanga), Baguio, Dagupan, Iloilo City, and the town of Carcar (Cebu).

The organization assists local governments in identifying and documenting their heritage structures, designating heritage zones and legislating protective measures to preserve structures within the zones.

HCS involvement with the Philippine Institute of Environmental Planners has brought about a greater awareness among environmental planners that heritage protection must be enforced in the national and local levels. PIEP and HCS members join to conduct regular awareness training with local government units.

The HCS Youth Sector is the most active group in the organization. Students are always involved in all of the organization's projects. Under supervision of HCS members, students participate in the Heritage Schoolhouse Restoration Program.

For each school, local architecture and engineering students inspect, photograph, measure and produce plans of the existing structures. History students do archival research on the building, interview residents, and prepare the historical background necessary for conservation.

Other student groups have joined to contribute their specialties to each project.

In the past two years, the Youth Sector organized heritage fora for students at University of Santo Tomas, Far Eastern University, La Consolacion College (Bacolod), Ateneo de Manila, and Teachers Camp (Baguio).

Activities have been constant. Funds for HCS projects trickle in from membership dues, public fund-raising activities, and partially generated from fees collected from consultancy services.

Heritage watch: Silliman University

Plans are afoot for the construction of a Jollibee drive-through store within the landmark area of Silliman University in Dumaguete (Negros Oriental), declared a National Landmark by the National Historical Institute in 2002.

The boundaries of the landmark area are Silliman Avenue, the National Road, Venancio Aldecoa Sr. Road, Hibbard Avenue, Katanda Street, Lo-oc Road, Rizal Avenue, and the Dumaguete Bay waterfront.

Within the landmark area, no new structure can be constructed without NHI approval.

This issue is an example of a common misconception that historic sites stand alone without any relationship to their surroundings.

KAWASAN Falls Cooperative's commitment to nature preservation is so evident in the cleanness of the falls and lagoon, the picnic area, and the maintenance of the forest surrounding the river and falls.

HCS members rallied to prevent demolition of Baclayon (Bohol) houses threatened by highway expansion.

Setting is important. Silliman University has so much history and charm which must be preserved. A heritage building diminishes in value if a new structure encroaches on it. Therefore proper historic site conservation includes preservation of the setting around it.

Usually a designated buffer zone surrounds a historic structure to protect it from vibratory damage from new constructions, from being overpowered by a newly built neighboring skyscraper, or from being blocked from public view.

Visual considerations are important, too. Vistas are to be maintained and sight lines to the heritage structure should remain uncluttered.

A suggestion would be for Silliman University, Jollibee, the NHI, and qualified conservation practitioners to get together for a dialogue on whether the store should actually be at that location, or how such a store might be incorporated on the Silliman University campus in the same manner that fast-food stores are made to fit into historic districts of so many cities in the world.

Erratum: The correct name is Kawasan Falls in Badian (Cebu), not Kayasan, as I mistakenly called it in last week's column. I cannot apologize enough for the embarrassment I caused to the Kawasan Falls community.

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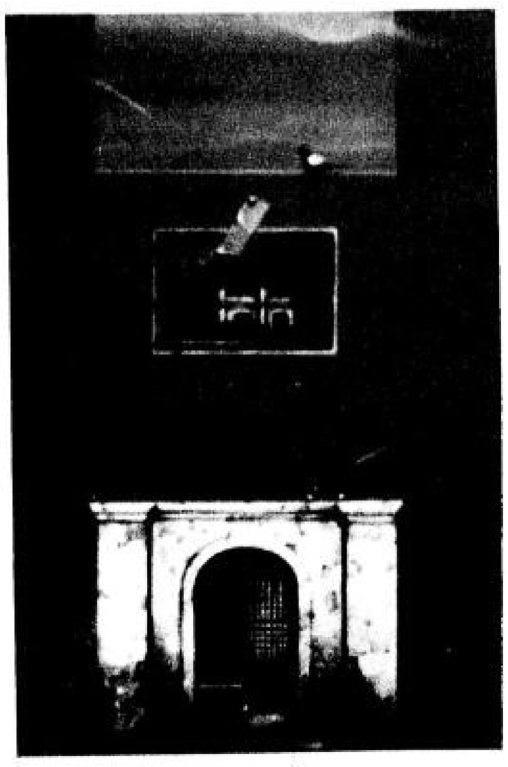
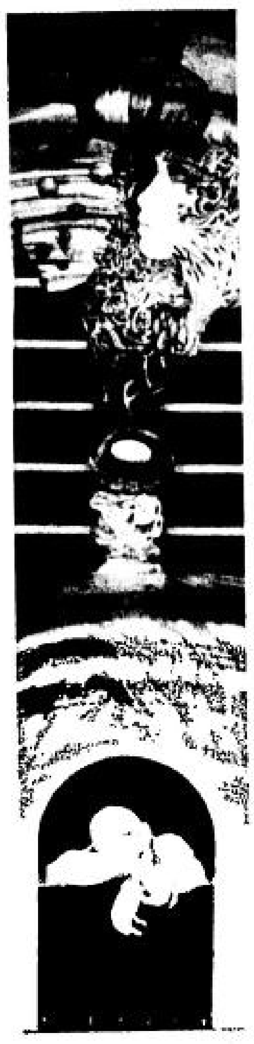
AAP president holds show with Korean artist at Genesis; Ching at Big & Small

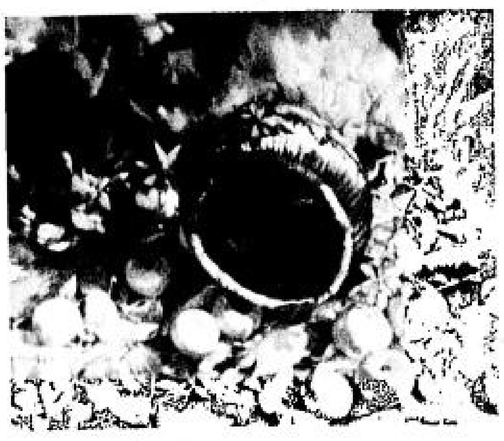
ART ASSOCIATION of the Philippines president Fidel Sarmiento and Korean artist Kim Eun-Ok hold "Two Colors." Sarmiento showcases oil and acrylic works while Eun-Ok presents masterful works in watercolor and acrylic. The exhibit will run April 15-30, at Gallery Genesis, 4/L, Bldg. A, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. Call 6338138.

"Purga" a self-interpretation of life, pain, struggle and dreams, is the latest exhibit by Salvador J. Ching. It will run April 12-25 at The Big & Small Art Co. at the Artwalk, 4/L, The Artwalk, Bldg. A, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City.



"LARAWAN ng Kahapon," by Fidel Sarmiento





"PANAGINIP sa Panaginip," by Salvador J.Ching (left); "Poetry of Fall," by Kim Eun-Ok (right)

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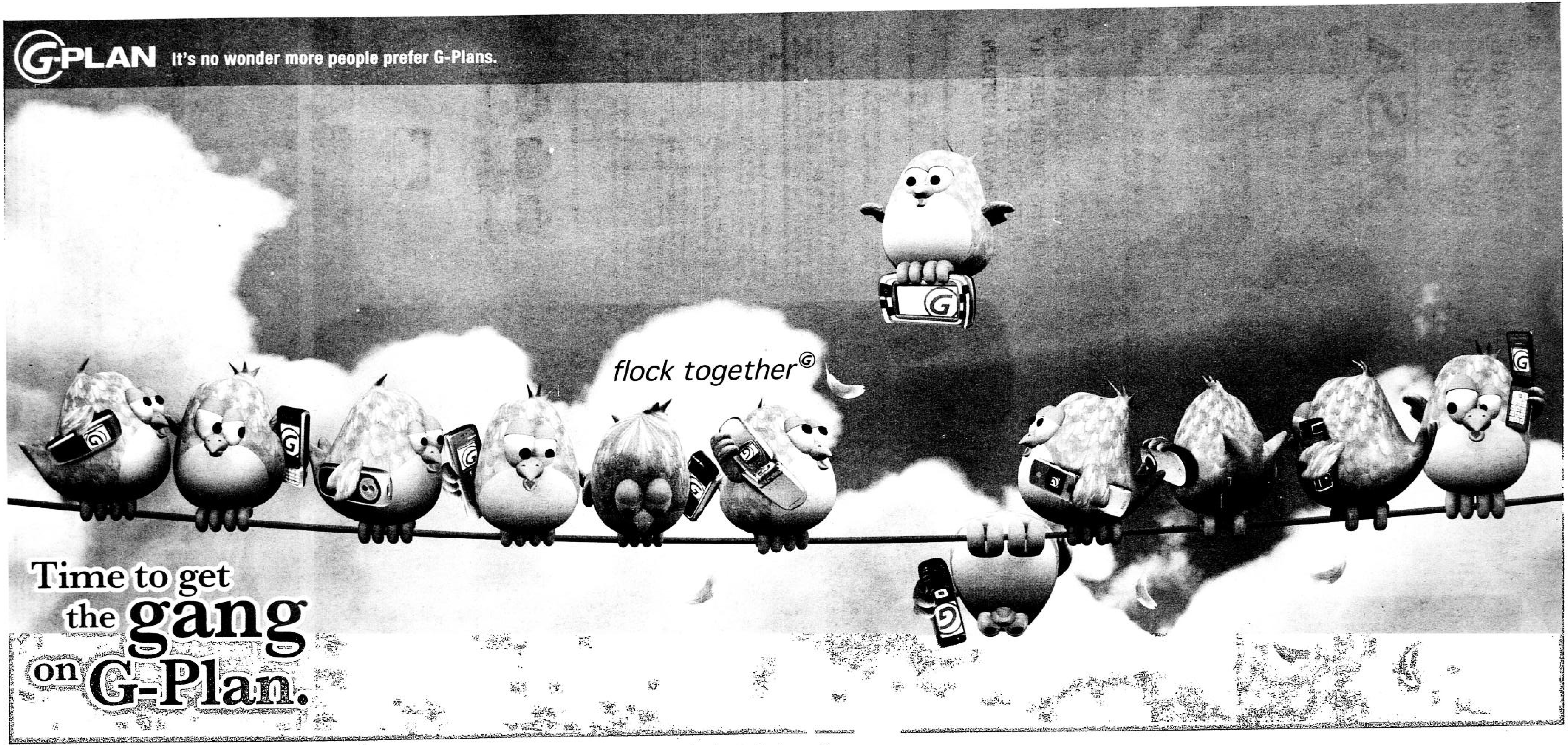
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Lindslee's asphalt art

YOUNG artist Lindslee will open his fifth solo show on April 6.

The young artist from Bacolod City presents images marked by lively wit, inventiveness and infectious dynamism. Mixed-media works absorb the diversity of materials as well as the creative flow and spirit of the artist.

After graduating from the University of Santo Tomas, the artist headed to New York to pursue advanced courses at the Art Students League. He held shows and won awards there.

Returning to the Philippines, Lindslee defined his aesthetic direction and emotional maturity with the solo shows, "Cause and Effects" and "SR," which sought to integrate his various influences.

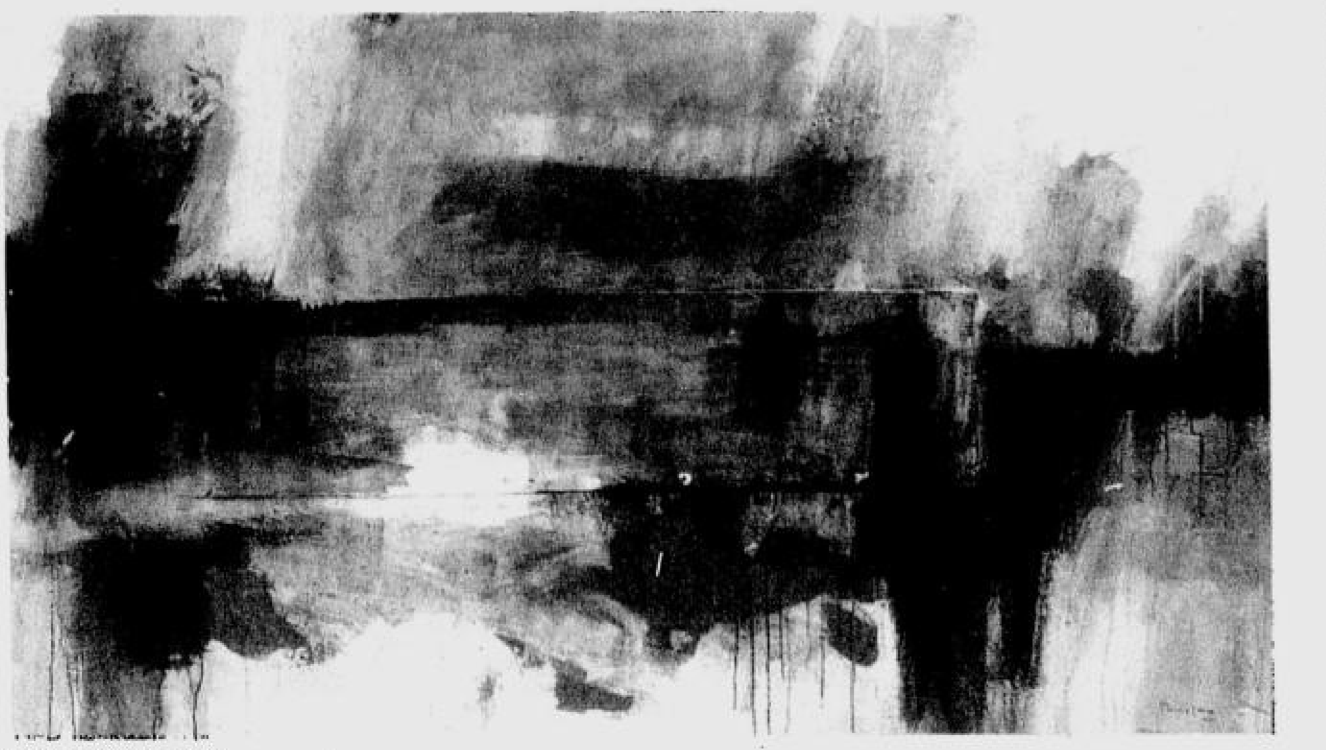
The new show, "Black and Transparent," presents a firmer Lindslee. The works show the artist's search for movement through material and inspiration.

The power and persuasiveness of the new works dramatically hinge on the use of new materials, creating a natural dialogue between Lindslee and the canvas.

The emotional intensity of the works owes to the natural contrast between stark black and radiant whites. The contrast reveals the silver lining of Lindlee's art.

"Black and Transparent" runs at the Art Center SM Megamall Mandaluyong City until April 19.

"BLACK and Transparent"



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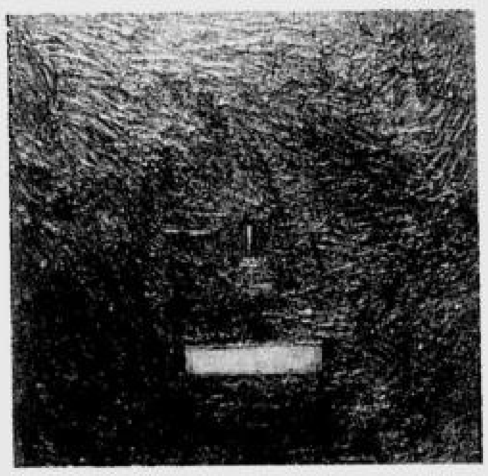

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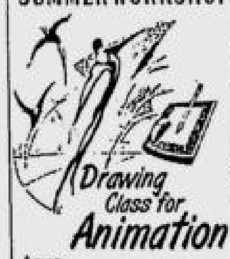
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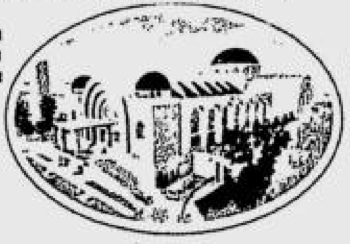
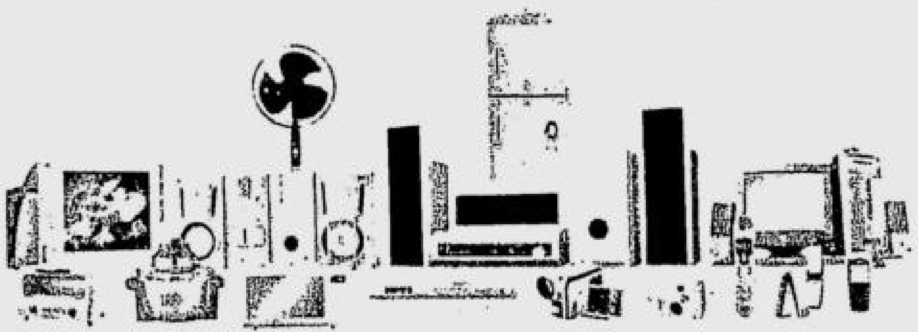
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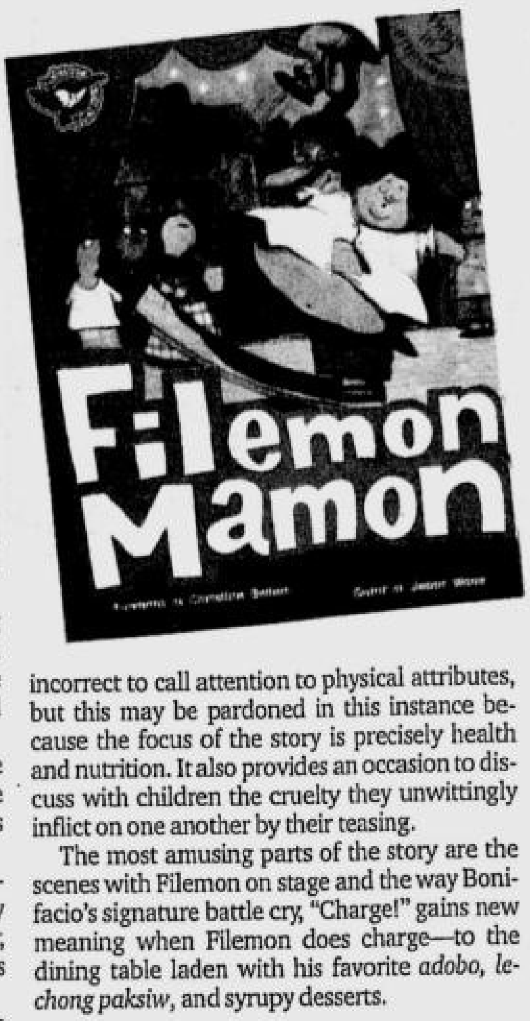


AMONG the latest releases from Adarna House are two humorous parallel titles on food and children's eating habits.

Christine Bellen's "Filemon Mamon" (in Filipino and English texts; illustrated by Jason Moss; 2004), tells the story of a boy with a hearty appetite and a burning ambition to play Andres Bonifacio in the school play. He loves to be on stage but inevitably always ends up only as the lead in Christmas programs where he is perfect as Santa Claus.

For a change, he successfully auditions to become Bonifacio in a play. But he easily gets tired at rehearsals and does not even have enough energy to holler the revolutionary battle cry, "Charge!"

The director gives him a more fitting role—that of a fat friar, the villain in the play. This displeases Filemon, especially when he sees how the new Andres is far more agile and energetic than he is.

His playmates have long warned him of the stereotype that fat people look old, thin people look young, and that bad guys are fat, good guys are thin.

Filemon's disappointment leads him to drastic changes in his diet. This worries his equally overweight parents who take him to the doctor, who finds the occasion to teach the parents about good nutrition.

The story ends with a Filemon determined to be healthier and leaner, with help from his parents. He sets his sights on the next school year's play: He seeks to audition for the role of Gregorio del Pilar, the young general.

Some quarters may frown at all the name-calling that Filemon is subjected to by his peers. On the surface, it is in poor taste, even politically incorrect to call attention to physical attributes, but this may be pardoned in this instance because the focus of the story is precisely health and nutrition. It also provides an occasion to discuss with children the cruelty they unwittingly inflict on one another by their teasing.

The most amusing parts of the story are the scenes with Filemon on stage and the way Bonifacio's signature battle cry, "Charge!" gains new meaning when Filemon does charge—to the dining table laden with his favorite *adobo, lechong paksiw*, and syrupy desserts.

Wordless

Excel Dyquiangco's "I Don't Like to Eat!" (illustrated by Marcus Nada) is a wordless book about a boy who shuns everything healthy and prefers to eat junk food. Between milk, juice and a bowl of fresh fruits, and a bag of his favorite snack, the choice is clear.

He indulges himself under the dining table, where something strange takes place, causing his stomach to churn and grumble and inflate to unbelievable proportions. Even the table and the hanging lamp are disturbed!

From the child's bloated stomach bursts out a hideous junk food-loving green monster, who in turn tries to eat him up. In an act of desperation, the boy hastily spies an apple from the same fruit bowl he earlier ignored, and musters strength and might to eat it.

The illustrations on which a wordless story hinges on successfully narrate the story and portray the boy's intense emotions. An especially dramatic full page spread is the sudden appearance of the boy's mother holding a steaming bowl for the dining table.

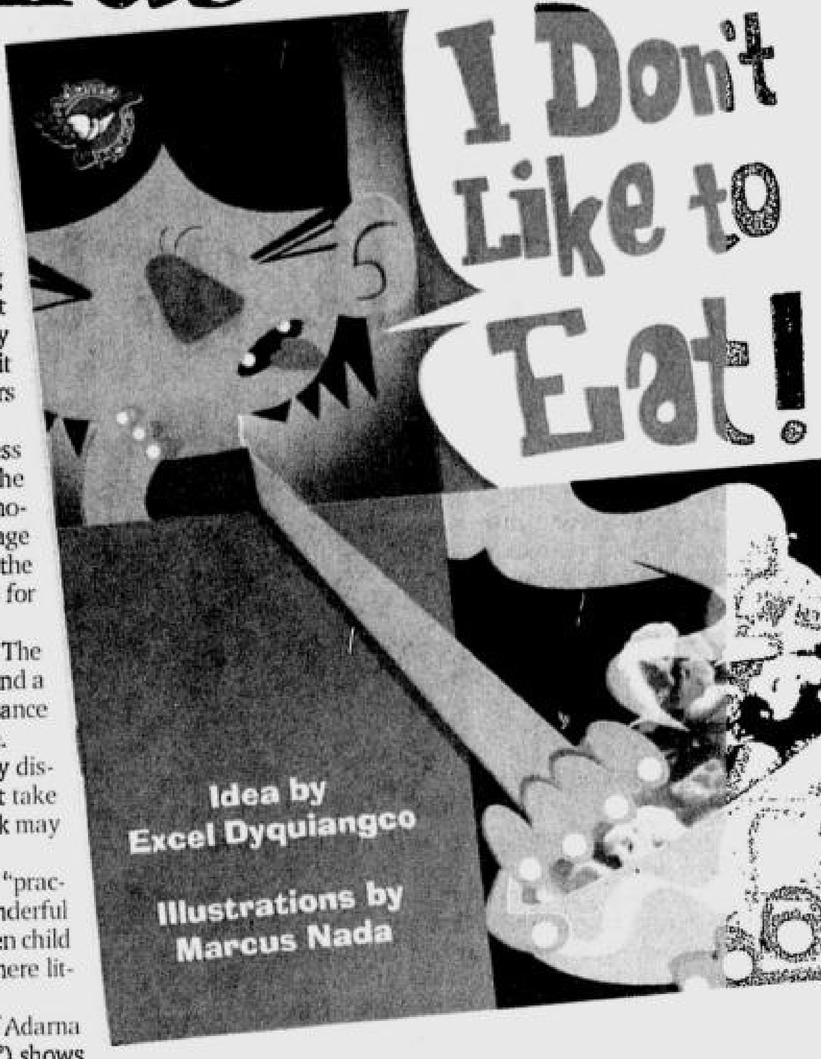
Suddenly, the atmosphere changes. The tension of the previous pages is gone and a sense of security reigns with the appearance of this kindly woman with a wide smile.

A wordless book may be mistakenly dismissed as simplistic, but readers must take a careful second look because the book may tell a complex plot.

And wordless books are effective "practice" books for early readers and wonderful opportunities for conversations between child and adult readers. That is how and where literacy is born.

Departing from the standard size of Adarna books, this one's large size (8 ½" x 11") shows an appreciation for the tiny hands that will hold them. It also allows the illustrations to full advantage.

This harvest of books has been especially awaited as Adarna head Ani Almario, newly returned as Fulbright fellow at Stanford with an MA in Educational Technology, stamps them with her individuality.



There is a distinctly new look and feel to these books. There's the welcome shift to matte paper and the abandonment of newsprint, to start with.

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UST Theology Week opens today

ZAMBOANGA Archbishop Carmelo Morelos, also chair of the Episcopal Committee on International Eucharistic Congresses, and University of Santo Tomas Rector Magnificus Fr. Tamerlane Lana O.P., will open today Theology Week 2005 at the Martyrs Hall of the UST Ecclesiastical Faculties.

Theme of the weeklong series of lectures is "The Eucharist with Mary," in connection with this year's 48th International Eucharistic Year celebration in Guadalajara, Mexico.

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ADVERTISING and public relations leader Bong Osorio (right) launches his newest book with assistance from UST Publishing House head Mecheline Manalastas.

PR case book released

THE FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND casebook for the local PR industry, "The Best PR Programs & Tools," was recently launched at the 2005 International Association of Business Communicators' (IABC) Gold Quill Award ceremony held at the Ayala Museum.

Bong R. Osorio, head of Campaigns Advocacy & PR Inc. (Capri), media professor at the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters, and former president of IABC, edited the casebook, assisted by Art Cariaga for the case writing and Oscar de Castro for the design.

The book covers a selection of award-winning cases, whose stories will be useful for everyone who wants to bring the PR profession to world-class caliber.

Practitioners, client companies, teachers, students and business managers who want to see if they are getting their money's worth from their communication-driven programs can pick up lessons from the 23 featured case studies.

Guide questions at the end of each case helps PR educators trigger meaningful discussions among their students, which can result in faster comprehension of data available, and a deeper understanding of how various PR programs and tools work.

The UST Publishing House, the National Book Award's Publisher of the Year 2004, published the book, which has been endorsed by universities and colleges offering PR communication courses. Call 8937320 or 8133330.

MILAGROS Delgado-Enage, Angelina Goloy, Leah Sia, Lina Villanueva, editors Cecilia Manguerra Brainard and Marily Ysip Orosa, Linda Panlilio, Eunice Noelle Lucero, Neni Sta. Romana, Gemma Cruz Araneta and Gina Ylaya

Book by 'colegialas' off the press

"BEHIND the Walls," a collection of 30 essays by graduates of exclusive girls' schools, was launched by Anvil Publishing Inc. last month in celebration of women's month.

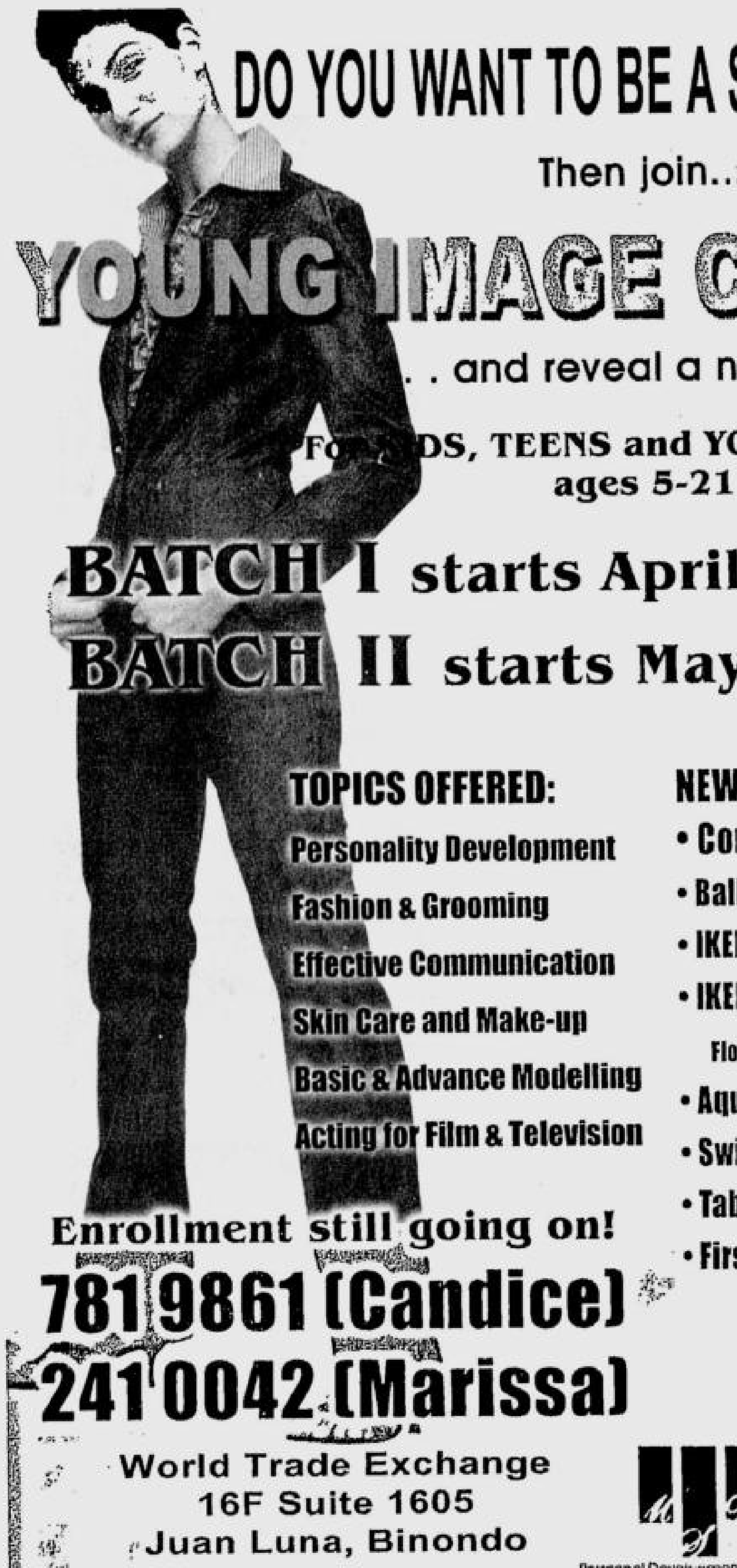
The book, edited by Cecilia Manguerra Brainard and Marily Ysip Orosa, both *colegialas* who have maintained a 40-year bond that began in their college years, seeks to answer the questions raised by Orosa in the preface: "Are [graduates of convent schools] a breed unique and distinct from other mortals? Is being a *colegiala* today of great significance as it was then?"

It portrays *colegialas* as fearless front-liners and highlights the experiences of girls and young women who are now head honchos of corporations, hotshot lawyers, college deans and publishers.

Brainard attended St. Theresa's College in Cebu and San Marcelino from kindergarten to high school, and obtained a degree in communication arts from then Maryknoll College in 1968. She once held a California Arts Council fellowship in fiction.

Orosa was educated in three convent schools (St. Scholastica's College, St. Theresa's College in Quezon City, and Maryknoll, of which she is a communication arts graduate). She heads her own graphic design company, Studio 5 Designs.

"Behind the Walls" is their first collaborative work.



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ARTIST Florence Jose Cinco

Metallic cosmology

By Gino Dormiendo
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FLORENCE Jose Cinco is a self-professed cosmologist, a multimedia artist who dabbles in painting, sculpture and installation art, recreating the present world with his own vision of a utopian universe.

In his first solo show, titled "Cosmic Revolution," at the Big & Small Art Gallery (3/F, Mandara Promenade Bldg., 198 Wilson St., Greenhills, San Juan), on April 8-22, he has assembled multidimensional facets of a single master image representing a narrative matrix, both visible and invisible.

The wall-bound mixed media works offer a melange of illusionistic landscapes painted in predominantly gray and/or silver color. Made out of junk metal sheets stretched on wood panels, these works reveal a private, primordial universe, with their unique pattern of vaguely terrestrial settings, a well-choreographed admixture of harmony and chaos, of body and spirit simultaneously surging toward a utopian convergence.

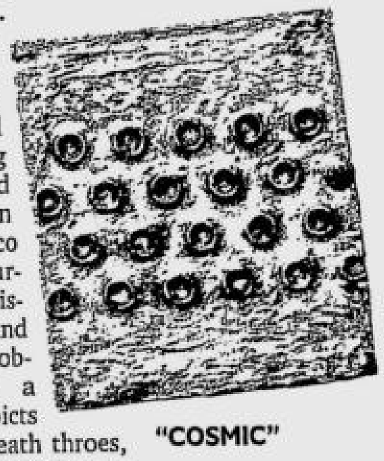
A devout disciple of Amanda Marga, an Eastern philosophy which preaches a spiritual synthesis, Cinco explores various media that he has salvaged from the junkshop, a wide array of nuts and bolts that he has been fascinated with from the time he started seriously working as an artist.

These works are arresting for their playfully witty use of various textural highlights, which resemble the pock-marked surface of a heavenly body.

Discards

These materials represent the discards of a postindustrial society, and have now been given a new lease on life—objects of delicate and enthralling appeal. Restraint, being the greater part of valor, is evident in Cinco's use of color, often limited to luminous shades of blue and silver. Or a streak of orange, which is in keeping with the hues of the physical cosmos.

The sculptural pieces form an integral companion piece in the artist's ambidextrous pursuit of spiritual pleasures. Mimicking certain dramatic poses, these are forms of action combining material with thought. Using metal junk, resin and fiberglass, such as in "Apocalypse," Cinco wields remarkable surgical skills as he has disembodied parts and components of metal objects, reconstituting a new image that depicts the universe at its death throes, with a flicker of hope evident in the small button-like contraption that may well signal a rebirth.



"COSMIC"

Another piece, "Balance of Nature," is a fitting reminder that man has been created in the image and likeness of God, and thus possesses infinite potentials that have yet to be harnessed. This sculptural piece is a transcendental work that must have been done with divine inspiration.

The artist from Calbayog City has himself been engaged on an obsessive pursuit of spirituality. From Cebu City, where he went to study fine arts at the University of San Carlos Technological Center, he moved to Manila five years ago to look for a more fulfilling spiritual life He has since been a perennial winner in various contests, including the grand prize in sculpture of the 2004 Metro Bank Art & Design Excellence National Competition. A veteran of 22 group shows, Cinco has finally mounted his first solo show, and we wish him well as the disciple of a new and spiritual kind of art emerging in the art scene long dominated by carnal images and autoerotic art that further debase our already wretched souls.

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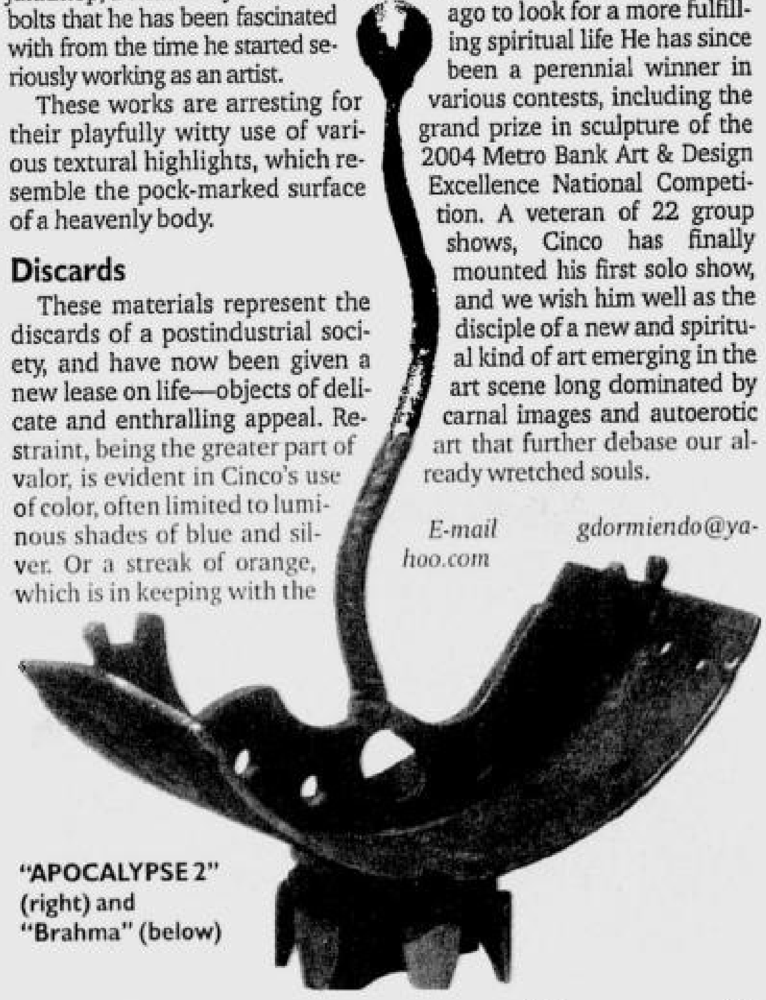

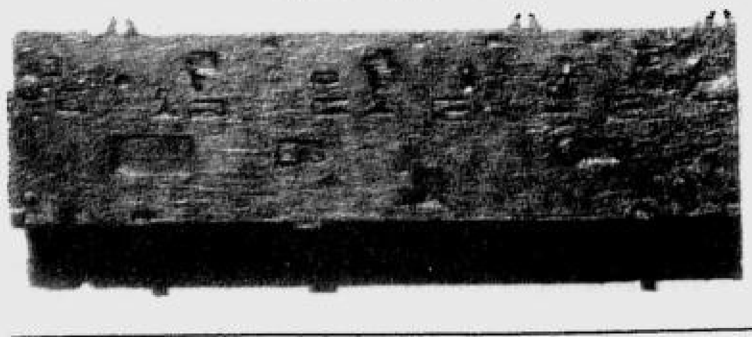

"APOCALYPSE 2" (right) and "Brahma" (below)

Ilarde at Mag:Net

NILO Ilarde's tersely titled show, "Art," shows that the lexicon is tricky. The show consists of an installation of six work tables hanging as paintings; the surfaces are wrapped in a grid pattern linoleum splattered with paint. The linoleum served as a protective coat for the wood from the accidental spills of students of an art class where these tables were taken. An enlarged printout of these paint splatters cover another table—a round one with a rotating disc at the center. The table is fixed to a wall so the "painting" is unchanged. At the wall of the mezzanine is a hole that is the same size as the hung tables. The sawed-off panel will be given to the art class as replacement for the tables.

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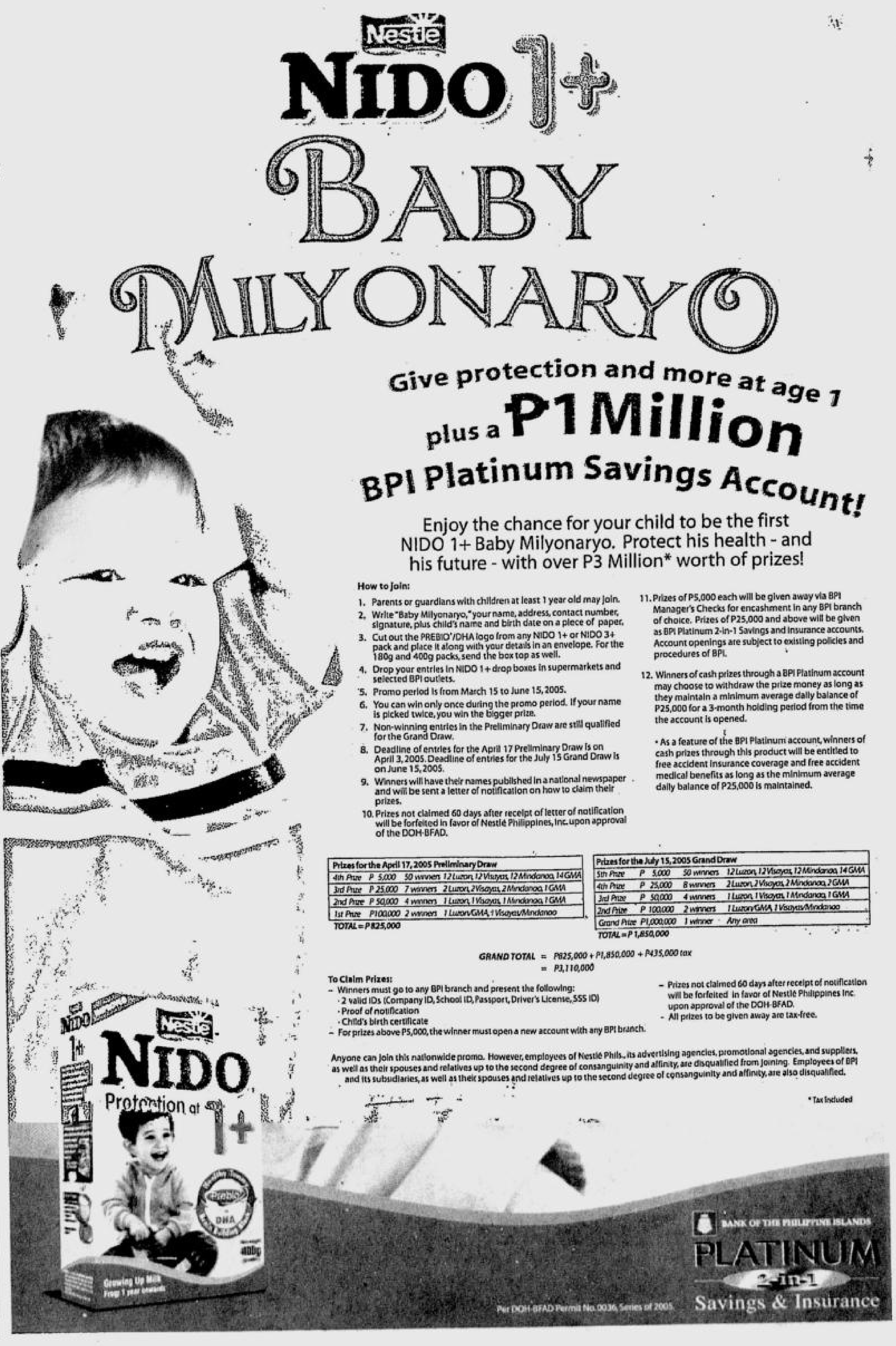

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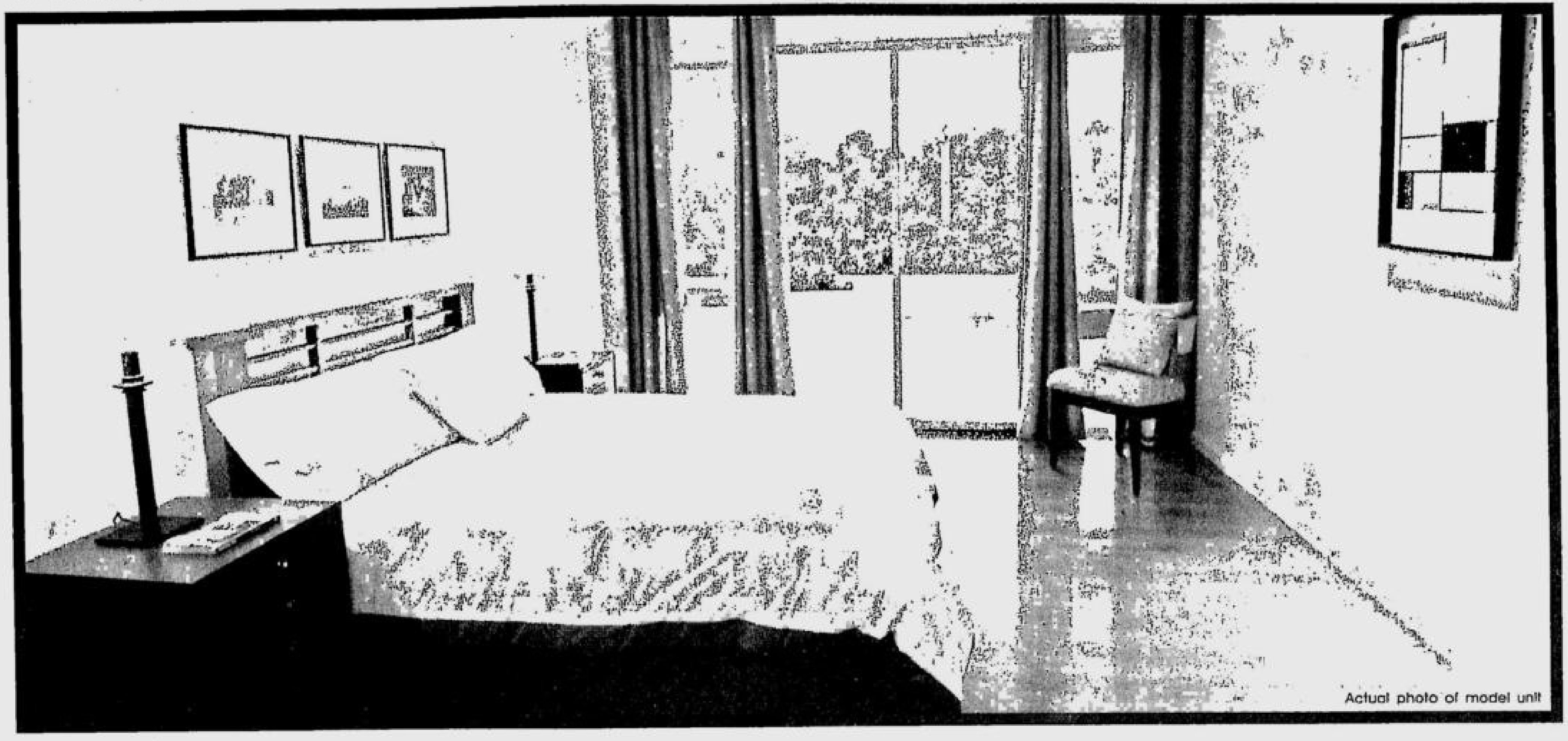

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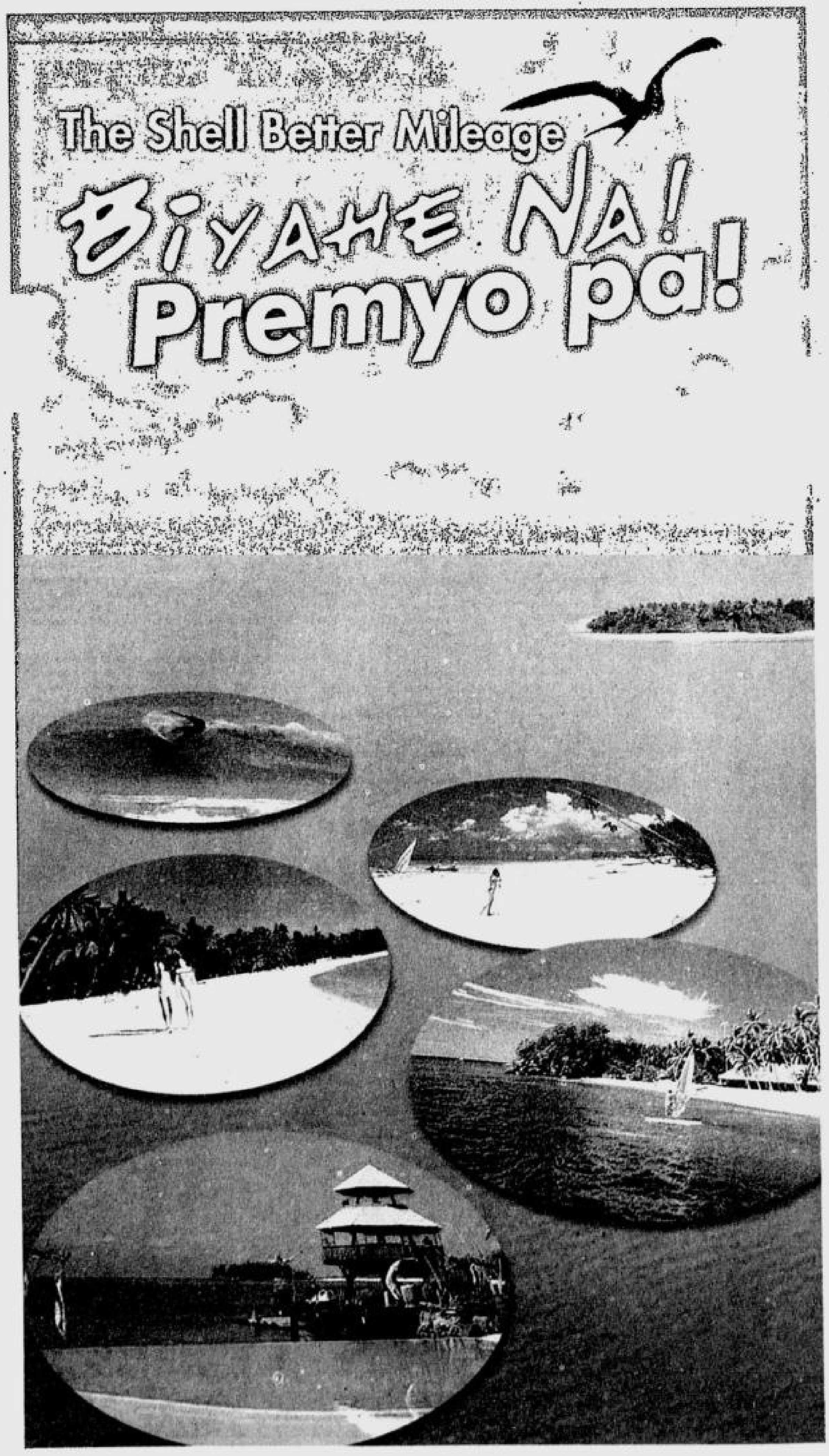

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Pinoy classical talents rock the US

By Pablo A. Tariman
Contributor

"It was very overwhelming," said Filipino tenor Rodell Aure Rose, who last month emerged as one of the four grand prize-winners of the Met National Council's 51st annual auditions, in which some 1,500 aspiring singers from all over the United States took part.

In an exclusive interview with the INQUIRER, Rosel said he looked at the list of past winners and he emerged the first Filipino Met audition winner in the last 39 years.

"Soprano Evelyn Mandac was the first Filipino winner in 1966, he told the INQUIRER.

The tenor said he had yet to meet Mandac, the first and last Filipino singer to sing at the Metropolitan Opera and the first Filipina to sing in a full-length opera with Placido Domingo. "I have not met her, but I do hope she has heard about the Met finals."

Rosel said he got hooked on opera in 1997 when he gatecrashed in a voice class that was already full. "But I stayed to see if I can be enrolled in it. When I was given a chance to rehearse with the pianist of the class, the pianist insisted that I sing for the teacher, and from there I was "drafted" to be part of the opera workshop class."

The tenor told the INQUIRER all of his life now depended on music. "Music is what keeps me alive and sane. Music is my communication to everything, even to God."

The only Filipino opera personalities Rosel knows are tenor Nolyn Cabahug and baritone Andrew Fernando, who is the first Filipino to win the prestigious Lauren Zacchary Prize in New York, the same prize Met soprano Aprile Millo won some years back.

"Andrew [Fernando] and I are really good close friends," he said. "We started working together for an Opera in the Park concert in Palm Springs, California, and we've been supportive of each other."

Fernando (along with pianist Cecile Licad, violinist Joseph Esmilla, cellist Victor Michael Coo) was one of the celebrated artists who graced the 1997 First Bicol International Music Festival founded by this writer. He is one of the soloists in the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra concert on April 9.

Rosel said he was inspired to become a tenor when he heard Lara's "Granada" sang by Placido Domingo from a broadcast of "The Three Tenors at Dodgers Stadium."

He pointed out: "It's funny how a lot of singers have said that Domingo has been their inspiration. Well, I agree with them. After listening and seeing him perform, I was inspired to learn that Lara song."

Domingo was last heard in Manila in 1979 as Cavaradossi in "Tosca" with the full complement of the San Francisco Opera opposite Eva Marton in the title role.

Rosel said one of the distinguished singers he would regard as a role model is mezzo soprano Marlyn Horne, with whom he studied in 2002 and 2003. "Ms Horne also supported my decision to become a character tenor."

Rosel said he has not performed in Manila, but he had appeared on TV in 1988 when he competed for "Bagong Kampeon" hosted by Pilita Corrales and the late Bert "Tawa" Marcelo.

"I didn't win because I cracked in the last note," he said.

The tenor said he had lived in the US in the last 13 years and wouldn't be able to visit Manila as he was still tied up with the Lyric Opera Center for American Artists in Chicago.

Rosel's advice to aspiring Filipino classical singers: "Find your unique talent and ability. Go for your dream. Find something that you are good at and you know you're the only one capable of doing. Everyone is different and that is why anything is possible. Singing is not about competing against each other. It's about showing each other's unique talents and abilities."

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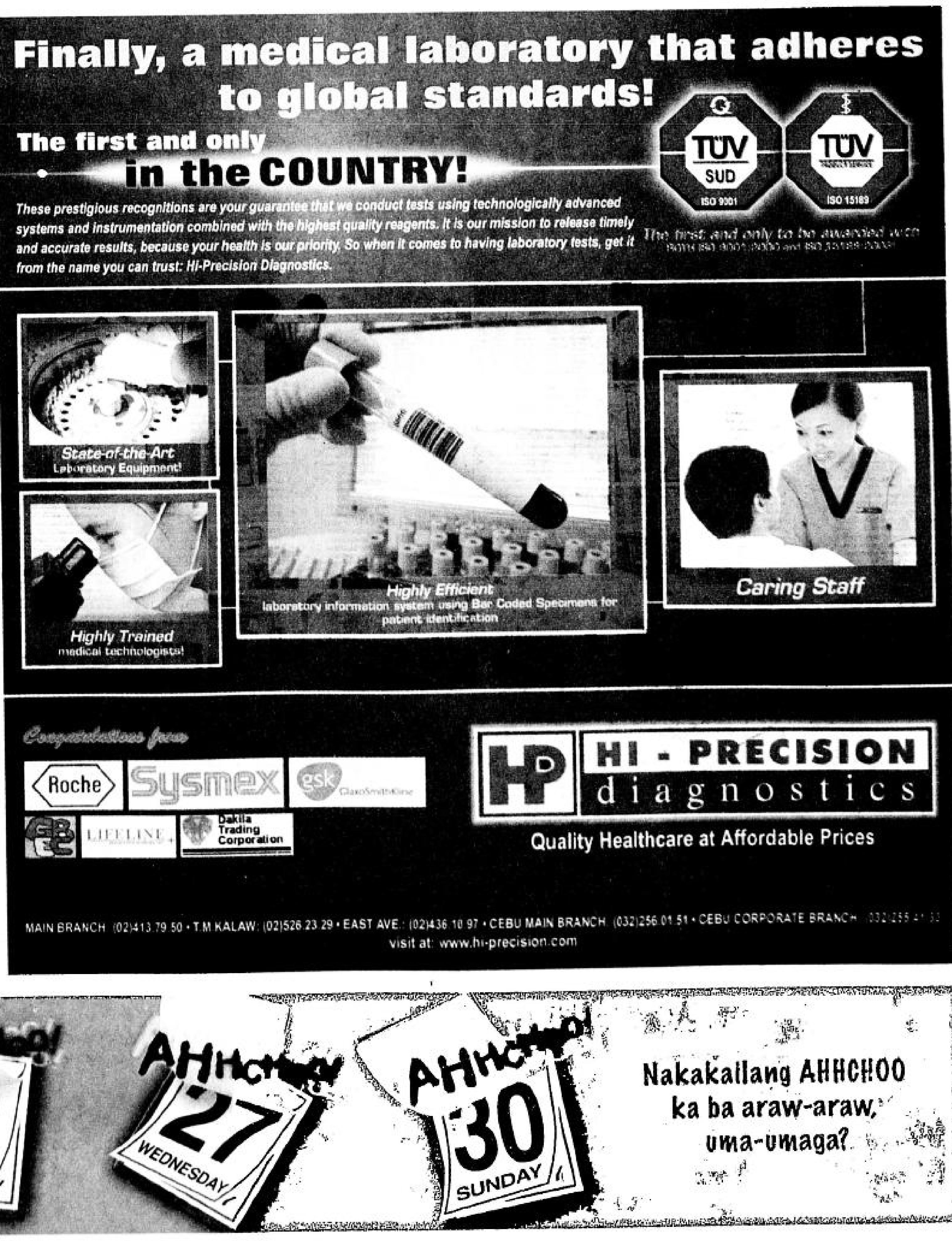
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The sowing and reaping of talents

PLAYSHOP graduates have joined the ranks of the pros.

By Audie Gemora
Contributor

THERE is a biblical principle referred to as sowing and reaping. It says that if you plant good seed on good ground, and nurture it, you will in time reap a good harvest.

This couldn't be truer at Playshop, Trumpets' multimedia summer workshops. For the past 12 years, we have been sowing good seed on good ground—youngsters who have innate gifts, whom we extensively trained in the performing arts. And in recent years, our hard work has paid off—we have been reaping a bountiful harvest.

Consider Christian Bautista, who only three summers ago was a musical theater pupil. Christian has become one of today's hottest male singers, and has already proven his mettle as an entertainer in his recent major concert at the Araneta Coliseum.

Along with Christian, there are also other Playshoppers who made it big in the music scene: all-male singing groups AKAfellas and 17:28, who have cut albums under Star and Viva Records; soul divas Bituin Escalante and Kyla, who were once my students; and The Playshop Kids, a song and dance group made up of our most outstanding kid graduates, who have cut albums for Dunkin' Donuts.

PLANTING the good seed.

On television, there's modeling student Bettinna Carlos, who has since become one of GMA 7's "it" girls. Bettinna has done several teen programs, and now hosts her own show "3R."

Nina Corpus, who trained under Kata Inocencio's newscasting class, now covers the show-biz beat over at ABS-CBN. Her batchmate Carlo Lorenzo is a reporter for GMA Network News.

Brother-and-sister JC and Bianca Gonzales host "The Explorer" and "Y Speak" respectively. Wacky Valdez is one of the hosts of the morning show "Breakfast" on Studio 23. Cathy Bordalba makes her presence felt every night on GMA 7's "Txtube."

Comedian Roden Araneta appears on "Yes Yes Show," and Cyril Alcazar appears on "WazzUp, WazzUp." Then there are Sam Concepcion, Marco Manalac and Stephanie Cuevas on Nickelodeon's "Whacked."

Not to mention Alexa Ortega, who made it all the way to Hollywood when she was handpicked to host at the orange carpet of the "Nickelodeon Kids Awards."

Theater pros

In theater, many Playshop graduates have joined the ranks of the pros. Most noteworthy are Sheila Francisco, who played Bloody Mary in the British National Theater's staging of "South Pacific"; Rommel Singson, who starred in "Starlight Express"; Analyn Bantug, who plays Kim in the British tour of "Miss Saigon"; Jun Ofracio, who is set to join Analyn in the British tour; and Pehton Quirante, who has recently done "Rent."

Playshop was also the first to offer a streetdance class 11 years ago. And it has since produced a generation of hip-hop dancers, who in turn have brought the art form to their respective schools.

Today, street dance is very popular among the youth.

One street dance graduate, Chinie Nepomuceno, took further studies in LA. Since her return, she is fast being recognized as the choreographer to watch. Chinie has already done work for several concerts including "Pinoy Idols" and "Colour Everywhere."

Playshoppers also dominate the advertising circuits. Through Trumpets' sister company, Stages, they have been booked to do print, radio and television advertisements, and a slew of corporate shows.

Well, of course, not every good harvest is about "making it" in the entertainment world. A painfully shy kid, who after one summer at Playshop comes out of his or her shell, is part of the good harvest, as well as a lone wolf teener, who after one summer with us finds a bonded *barkada*. Ditto with a corporate practitioner who had a deep longing to perform finally gives a bravura performance onstage.

Playshop, this summer, runs on April 4-June 9 with classes in Basic Acting, Musical Theater for toddlers, children, teens, and adults, Voice, Street Dance, Hosting, Modeling, Animation, and Basic Fashion Photography at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Steps Dance Studio, and Alabang Town Center.

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DATiNG on a Shoestring

by Carleen Morgan

For J.Lo., love may not cost a thing but for majority of mankind, romancing does not come cheap. The saying "no money, no honey" has never been more applicable than in the present. Now in the time of VAT and gasoline, toll and fare hikes plus the increasing cost of commodities, just how can anybody afford to be in love? Bar hopping, café rendezvous, restaurant dinners, movie screenings – all these need money. But don't despair. Even those who don't have that much can still have a memorable date; all you need is a little creativity and resourcefulness. So if you don't want to be one of those who are always just "namamasyal sa Luneta nang walang pera", here are some ideas from those who are, albeit not loveless, are penniless.

august castañeda,
32, banker

"I'd go to her house and whip up something for her from the ingredients she has in her ref. Not only is it romantic and cost efficient, it's also a chance to display my culinary versatility."

"We'd take a walking trip of historic Chinatown. And when we get hungry, we'd eat at an inexpensive resto along the *estero* or indulge in dimsum where it's most authentic and at its cheapest!"

audrey giongco,
23, interior designer

marcus luna,
18, med student

"My girl and I take turns in paying for our dates. And, if both of us are short on cash, we match the places we go to with our budget."

"We check out free weekend events such as concerts in Paco Park, performances at the Cultural Center of the Philippines or free movie screenings occasionally offered by certain cultural groups."

[illegible]

"Because I am a working student, any time I would be paying for the date is memorable! However, I think the best way to have a memorble date is to make sure your girlfriend is rich (he, he!)."

[illegible] enriquez,
29, engineering student

"What we do is we don't spend much on ordinary days. Then, we set up a date fund wherein we put aside 10% of our daily income towards a specific amount. When we reach our savings goal, we have fun picking out where we'd go. As a result, our date is more romantic and memorable knowing that we both made an effort to make it happen."

[illegible] cubay,
34, writer

"When I eat or go out just by myself, I try to scrimp as much as I can so that I can save my money for when I get to go on dates."

[illegible] ojeda,
25, call center officer

anthony oledan,
30, legal assistant

Other people may find this *baduy*, but for my girlfriend and me, nothing is as unforgettable as watching the famous Manila Bay sunset. After the sun goes down, we take a stroll on the newly renovated Baywalk area where there's a wide choice of eats even for those with limited finances.

chiclet gonzales,
28, finance clerk

"We don't have to go out to have a memorable date. Staying at home, watching videos and munching popcorn is pretty romantic to me."

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"Simple... I make my parents finance my dates."

carmelo caluag,
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BARITONE Noel Azcona (third from left), pianist Hajib Ismail (second from right) with new fans from Nueva Ecija

Baritone performs in Catanduanes

BARITONE Noel Azcona will perform the Lucio San Pedro arrangement of a Bicol island song, "Islang Catandungan," originally written by Bikol composer Alfred de la Rosa, on April 8 in Catanduanes.

Arranged by the National Artist for Music in 1992, "Islang Catandungan" will be sung for the first time by Azcona with Najib Ismail on the piano.

The Catanduanes engagement is the baritone's last in the country as he will rejoin the University of Santo Tomas Singers in an international tour of Korea and the United States on April 14.

Meanwhile, Azcona made concert history for a baritone when his two opening concerts of the Best of the Philippine Concert Tour were received with rousing standing ovations in Tuguegarao City in Cagayan and Science City of Muñoz in Nueva Ecija.

"I think he made opera exciting for young people," said Sister Norma Que, head of the Culture and Performing Arts Department of St. Paul University.

"His concert is a vocal experience of a lifetime! He made my constituents happy at least for two hours," said Science City of Muñoz Mayor Nestor Alvarez.

The Catanduanes engagement of Azcona was made possible with the help of Gov. Leandro Verceles Jr.

Atlanta Festival Ballet guru returns

GREGORY Aaron, the artistic director of the Atlanta (Georgia) Festival Ballet, will return to the Philippines to choreograph the children's fairy tale, "Jungle Book."

Aaron, who received rave reviews when he visited the country in September 2003, will be the guest choreographer anew of the famed Royeca School of Ballet in Davao City.

The Royeca School of Ballet, owned by noted ballerina Girlie Royeca, will stage "Jungle Book" on May 28 at the CAP Auditorium in Davao City and in GenSan on June 1.

Aaron also did the choreography of "Little Mermaid" in 2003 that became a smash hit in GenSan, Davao City and Cagayan de Oro.

The music of "Jungle Book" is also by Aaron in tandem with Natalie Furlong. Original costume and set designs will be by Susan Burden of Atlanta, Georgia, and Conrado Almario of Cebu.

The show has the blessings of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts in line with the development of the arts and culture in the countryside.

Meanwhile, summer classes at the Royeca School of Ballet will start today in Davao (tel. 2274228) and April 18 in GenSan (3018992).

Pinoy classical

From page E1

Licad does a Pacquiao

Cecile Licad made news once more in Seattle by doing what Manny Pacquiao did in Las Vegas: create a box-office stampede by facing two mighty opponents of concertos in one evening and stunning both critics and audiences alike.

After her electrifying performance of Ravel's G Major Concerto in Ohio in January, Licad drew raves for her Chopin No. 2 in Virginia in February. Last week, she broke a concert record by playing two giant concertos in one evening in Seattle, Tchaikovsky's First and Rachmaninoff's Third.

Gavin Borchert of the Seattle Weekly wrote: "Surely no pianist would dare tackle two of the biggest thunder-and-lightning epics of concerto literature on the same night. But that's exactly what Licad did with the Seattle Symphony."

The Seattle Times noted that when the Seattle Symphony announced the Licad concert, ticket buyers took notice. But when people found out Licad was playing not one but two huge Romantic-era piano concerti, they swarmed the box office.

As predicted, the Seattle Times announced that the performance with conductor Christian Knapp on the podium was a predictable sell-out. Wrote its music critic Melinda Bargreen: "It's most unusual to have two big concerti in a single concert, but Licad is a most unusual artist."

The critic added: "Now in her early 40s, this tiny pianist looks considerably younger, and she commands a mighty technique with amazing tensile strength. Her Tchaikovsky was tremendous, with octaves of impeccable clarity and power. The audience was in the palm of Licad's formidable hand."

Earlier in Norfolk, Virginia, Licad stunned critics and audiences with a performance that drew the best from the orchestra.

Noted The Virginian: "Saturday evening's concert at Chrysler Hall was not just another 'one-night.' It was the orchestra's best performance in recent memory and it was capped by the stunning performance of the guest pianist, Cecile Licad."

Music critic Lee Teply singled out Licad's "extraordinary artistry" and called it "the concerto experience of the highest order."

Licad gave the Seattle audience more in a well-chosen encore, Louis Moreau Gottschalk's "La Bananier." Concluded the critic: "Both tasteful and extremely impressive, it brought this wonderful concert to a perfect end."

Rachmaninoff No. 3 was the same concerto that caused audience uproar in Manila two years ago when a blackout occurred in the middle of the concerto and Licad didn't stop playing and played the piece literally in the dark.

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Rep 'Filipinizes' London political comedy

REPERTORY Philippines (Rep) is adapting the Lawrence Olivier Award-winning comedy by Ray Cooney—"Whose Wife is it Anyway?"

Although Rep has done translations in the past, this is the first time that it's doing an adaptation.

Director and Rep president Baby Barredo explained, "Thirty-seven years ago, we translated 'Miss Julie' into Filipino. We did the same with 'Awit ni Grushia.' But this is the first time we're taking a play and changing the setting and the names of the characters... not translating but 'transplanting' it (to Philippine soil)".

Thus, the character of Mr. Richard Willey, the main character of the play and a member of the British Parliament, becomes The Honorable Richard Willy, a Filipino congressman (fictitious, of course).

The London hotel, which is the setting of this rib-tickling comedy, becomes a posh hotel located somewhere in Roxas Boulevard.

"We want Filipinos to be able to relate more to the play... and the British subtleties... the accents... might not work well with Filipinos. And also we don't have a Parliament here so we're changing that to Congress," said Barredo, "Our foreign audience might even find it funnier! The idea here is to make the play more interesting to Filipinos."

The story tells us of a philandering Filipino congressman and his romantic misadventures, as he goes on a hush-hush amorous tryst unknown to his wife and to everyone. A mysterious "dead body" inside their hotel room turns everything upside down. Summoning his nervous aide, they go through a marathon of frenetic situational and physical comedy that will send theatergoers rolling in the aisles with laughter. Throw into the picture a severe, stiff hotel manager, a nimble and wily waiter, a bossy but attractive nurse, and a "dead body"; and get ready for a wild hilarious spectacular roller-coaster ride of a theater entertainment.

The universality of the theme and the plot made the adaptation not difficult. Rep associate artistic director and cast member Joy Virata said, "People are people. They're almost the same anywhere. What makes them laugh, cry, and angry are basically the same. Take a situation—funny or otherwise, then put it in a different setting and very often it will work!"

"Whose Wife is it Anyway?" opens on April 8 at the Rep's Globe Theater at Onstage in Greenbelt 1. It will run for three weekends until April 24. Members of the cast include Miguel Faustmann, Joel Trinidad, Joy Virata, Robbie Guevara, Ana Bitong, Rem Zamora, Raul Montesa, Niccolo Manahan, Arnel Carrion, Pheona Baranda and Marisse Borlaza.

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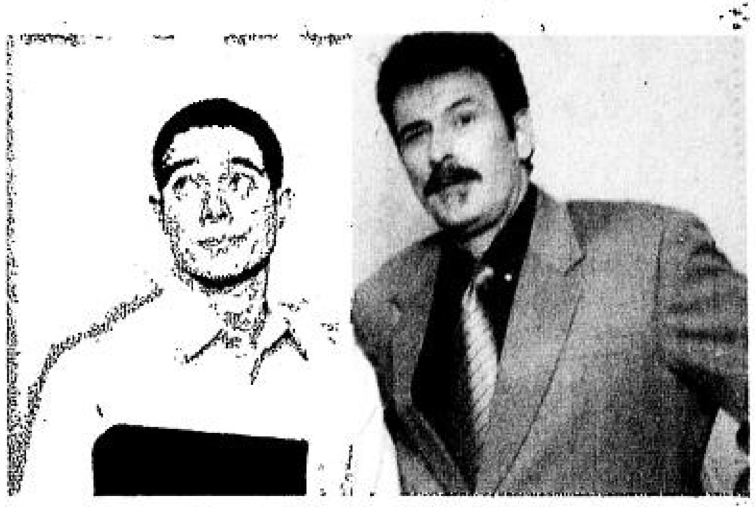
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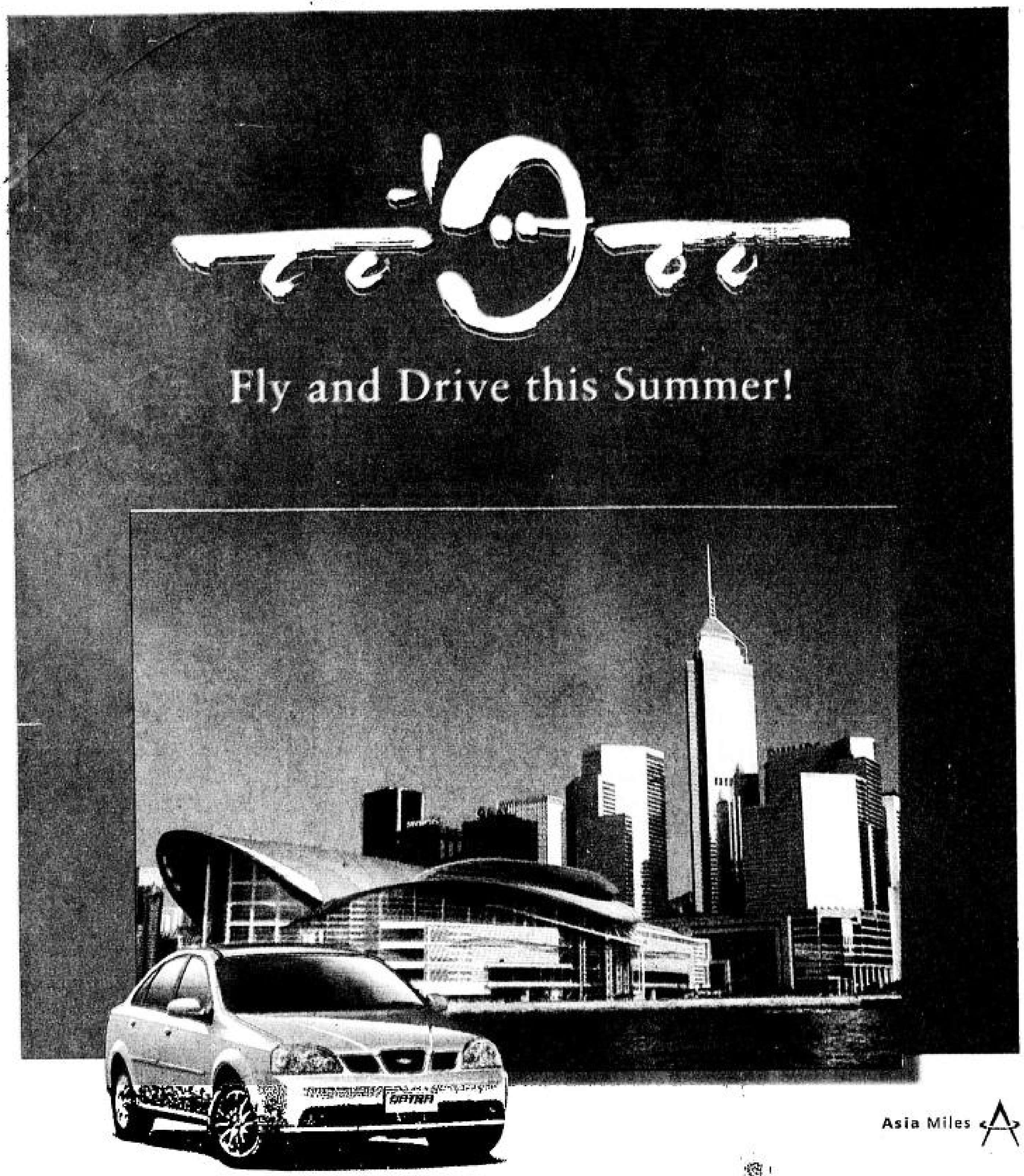

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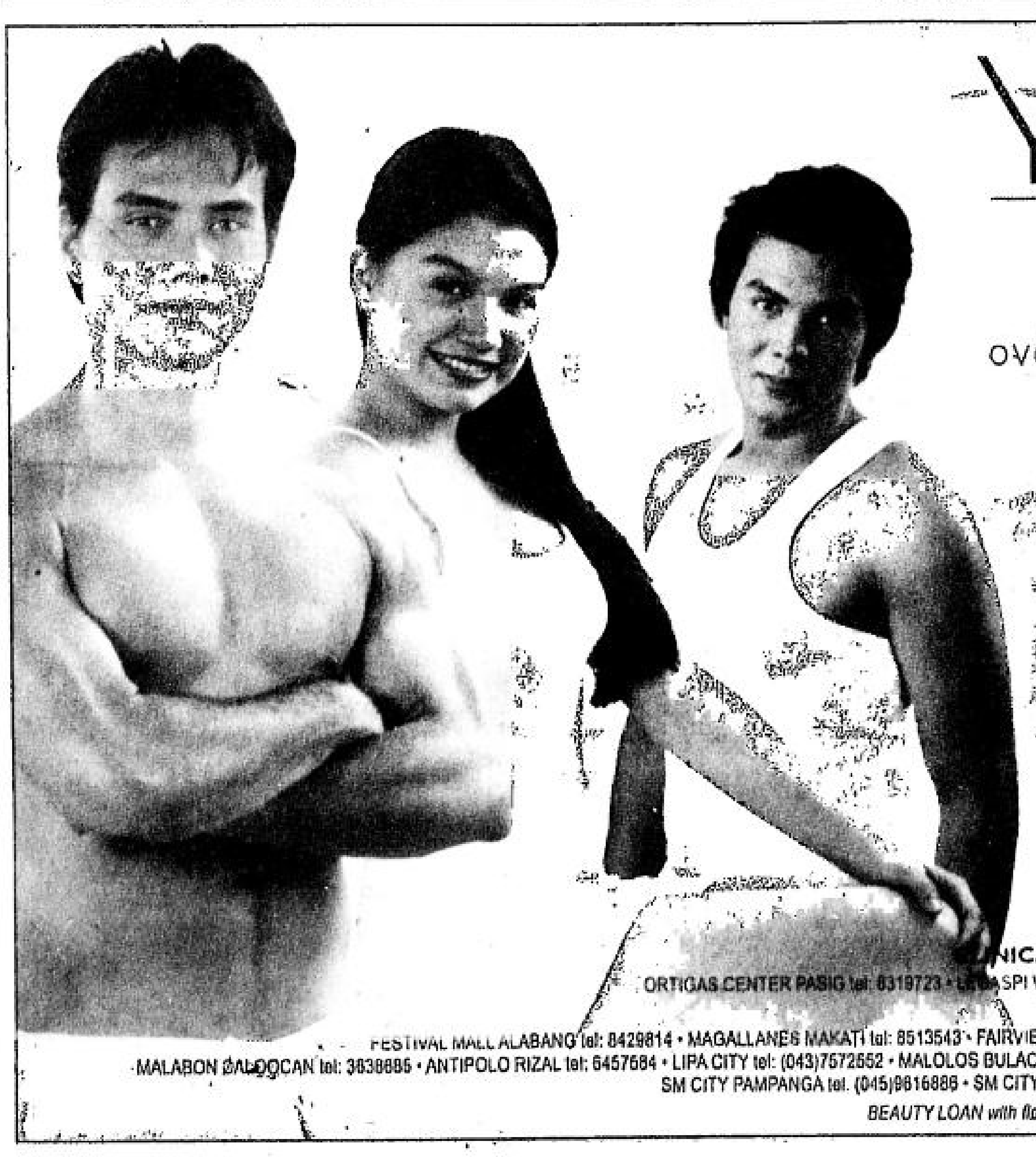

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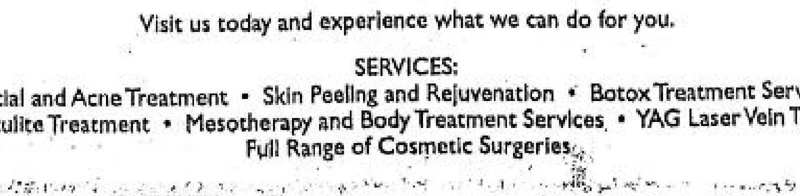

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